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Hayate's elder twin sister, Kurogane Nagi, returns to Tenchi Academy, and asserts that she, not Hayate, should be the one to partner with Ayana. When Hayate lodges no objectionto this, she is met with an explosion of anger from Ayana!

Hayate flees to the hills and falls in with Yanagi Makoto, a sword-bearing student about to graduate from Tenchi. Meanwhile, student council president Amachi Hitsugi is arranging a "farewell party" for this graduate: a massive all-against-one "battle royal" involving every swordbearer in the school!

And now, with preparations complete, let the curtain rise!!

HAYATE CROSS BLADE

...Now that we've passed the 10th volume, I find myself worrying about what's to come.

Oh?

You're lacking your usual crispness, President.

So, the eleventh volume...

is it...?

If you could drop the "backside" talk for a second... I'm appalled to be hearing these kind of blue jokes from you.

Can we please leave the reverse side of me alone?

And if by chance it should come to a 30th volume, what back side remains to us?

The back side of Shizuku's... underwear?

For Volume 20, it will have to be the back side of your skirt, Shizuku.

Volume 10, we were on the back side of the dust jacket.

Or even... the back side of *what lies beneath*...?

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STORY×CHARACTERS

剣技特待生の乙女たちが、日々バカ熱い戦いを繰り広げる「天地学園」。
黒鉄ナギが復学し、綾那とペアを組むのは自分と主張！ 怒り心頭の綾那を
よそに、はやては失踪…。そんな中、卒業生送別イベント"大乱奪り"が開幕…!!

柳生 真

高等部３年・Dランク
剣待生初の卒業生として、
大乱奪りに参加。

無道 綾那

中等部３年・Bランク
はやての刃友。ゲーム大好き。

黒鉄 はやて

中等部１年・Bランク
綾那の刃友。
ナギの復学に伴い逃走。

黒鉄 ナギ

中等部１年・休学から復帰。
はやての双子の姉。

静馬 夕歩

中等部３年・休学中
順の刃友。

久我 順

中等部３年・Cランク
綾那のルームメイト。

はやてとナギの保護者。
現・天地学園食堂の
おばちゃん。

黒鉄 流麗

高等部１年・Aランク
ゆかりの現・刃友。

上条 槙

染谷 ゆかり

中等部３年・Aランク
綾那の元・刃友。

宮本 静久

高等部１年。
Sランク
ひつぎの刃友。

天地 ひつぎ

高等部２年・
生徒会長
全剣待生の
頂点に君臨。

犬神 五十鈴
中等部1年・Cランク

吉備 桃香
中等部1年・Cランク

土道 美沙子
高等部1年・Sランク

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高等部1年・Sランク

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高等部1年・Sランク

神門 玲
高等部1年・Sランク

氷室 瞑子
高等部2年・Aランク

朱 炎雪
高等部2年・Aランク

雉宮 乙葉
中等部1年・Cランク

猿楽 未知
中等部1年・Cランク

星河 紅愛
高等部1年・元Sランク

月島 みのり
高等部1年・元Sランク

貴氷 蒼
中等部2年・Bランク

浅倉 みずち
中等部3年・Bランク

帯刀 洸
天地ひつぎの側近

紅蜂 清子
天地学園事務局員

桜花 鬼吏谷
中等部2年・Cランク

宝田 りおな
中等部2年・Cランク

布袋 朋
高等部1年・Dランク

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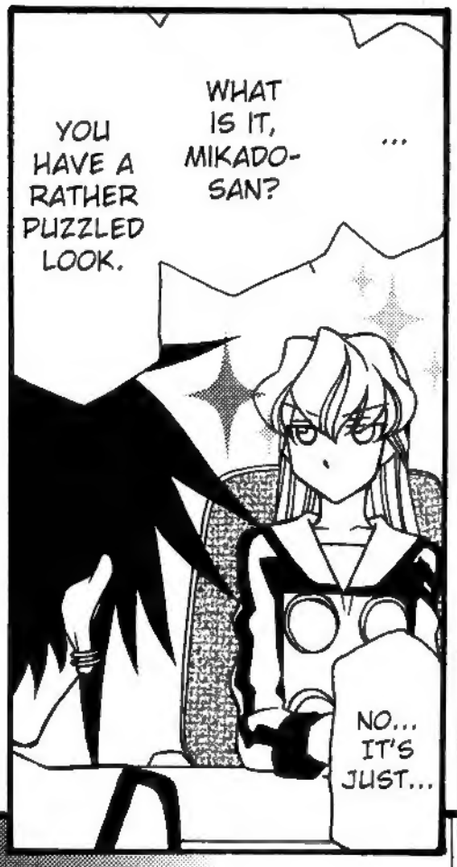
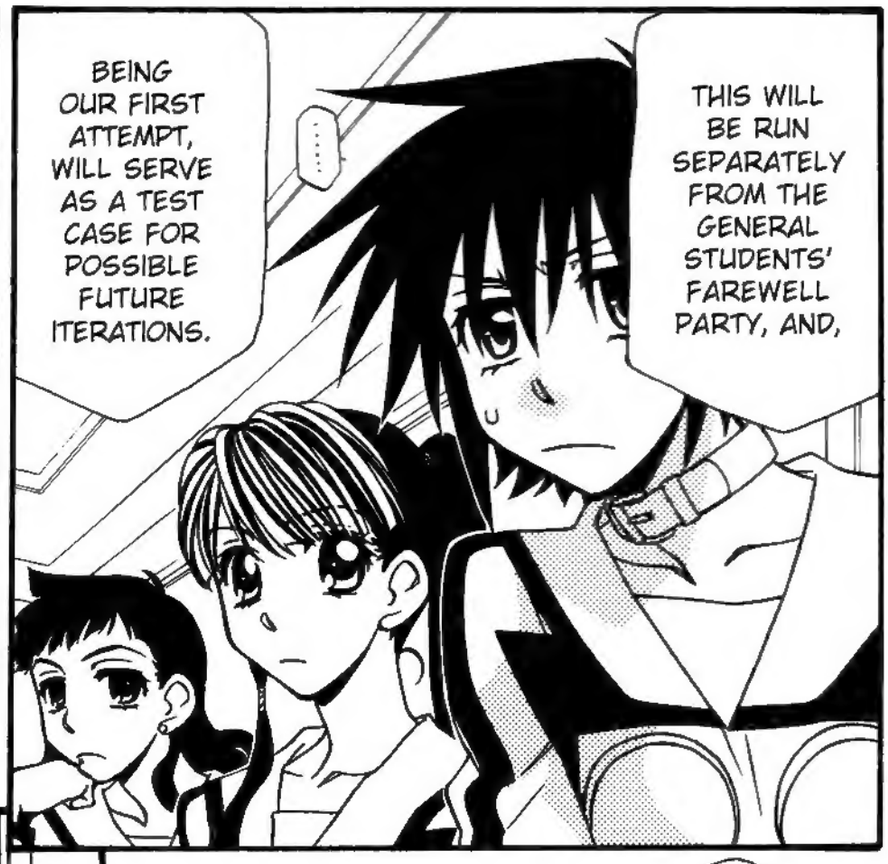
NEXT, TO THE EVENT WE'LL BE HOLDING FOR ONE OF THIS YEAR'S GRADUATING STUDENTS.
LET ME EXPLAIN THE PARAMETERS OF THIS FIRST-EVER "SWORDBEARER SEND-OFF ORIENTEERING COURSE."




THIS WILL BE RUN SEPARATELY FROM THE GENERAL STUDENTS' FAREWELL PARTY, AND,
.....
BEING OUR FIRST ATTEMPT, WILL SERVE AS A TEST CASE FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ITERATIONS.

I HEARD YOU WERE PLOTTING SOME KINDA SWORD-FIGHTERS'-STYLE FESTIVAL, BUT,
AN ORIENTEERING COURSE?... GOT SORT OF A "NICE LITTLE GROUP OUTING" TYPE OF FEEL, DOESN'T IT?
JUST SEEMS SLIGHTLY... *TAME* FOR YOUR BRAND OF THINKING.
AH...

#61
Stupid is as Idiots Do

IRREGULARITY HAPPENS TO BE MY SPECIALTY, YOU FUCKING JAP!!!

SPRING!

Twang

...NO, "IRREGULAR ORIENTEERING" MAY BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE TITLE.

...NO, CANNON-BALL RU—

You may be right. THE NAME DOES FALL A BIT SHORT. THEN, BATTLE ROYA—

COMING THROUGH LOUD AND CLEAR. YOUR PERVERSITY IS.

...GOT IT.

You there. Don't stand on the table.

I can't wait. Yay!

YOU'RE A JAP TOO, YOU KNOW. MORONSUKE.

#61

Stupid is as Idiots Do

SHE IS THE SWORD-BEARER GRADUATING THIS TERM...

THOUGH SHE'S REMAINED SOLO THROUGHOUT HER WHOLE TIME HERE,

TRUDGE TRUDGE

YANAGI MAKOTO.

HIGH SCHOOL, THIRD YEAR, CLASS D.

CLI CK

WELCOME BACK TO YOUR ABODE.

BOSS YAGYUU!!

Snap-

-to

MURMUR MURMUR

YOU GOT THIS DISCUSSION OFF TRACK IN A HURRY, PRESIDENT.

This is supposed to be a farewell party.

AND OUR TARGET IN THIS OPERATION.

HAIL.

I have returned.

HAVE YOU BEEN DISCIPLINING YOURSELF WITH ZEAL?

YES I HAVE!!!

SIGH...

...

YOU KNOW, IT REALLY PAINS ME TO HEAR A THING LIKE THAT.

SO YOU HAD BETTER STAY ON TOP OF IT.

THIS ACADEMY OWNS A LOT OF DIFFERENT TERRITORY, AND I CAN'T KEEP IT ALL STRAIGHT,

WHACK

NO NO NO NO, DON'T RELY ON US FOR STUFF LIKE THAT.

It's YOUR damn school!

DON'T JUST BARREL THROUGH.

IN ANY CASE, TURNING OUR ATTENTION TO THESE WOODS ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE...

...RIGHT.

NATURALLY THE MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL ARE WELL FAMILIAR WITH IT.

NOPE, FIRST I'VE EVER HEARD OF IT.

MOUNT HIFUMI.

THE LONE PEAK THAT GRACES OUR ACADEMY'S CAMPUS.

CLICK

Mt. HIFUMI

TENCHI AREA

PRIVATE AREA

THAT ACCURSED AMACHI... UNDER THE GUISE OF A GRADUATE'S "FAREWELL PARTY"...

SHE PLANS TO BURY ME SAFELY IN EARTH'S YIELDING DARKNESS.

WE MUST MOVE WITH THE UTMOST MEASURE OF CAUTION.

FOR THE MOMENT WE CAN CONTENT OURSELVES WITH A GENERAL OUTLINE.

THE PARTICULARS WILL BE EXPLAINED TO THE ENTIRE BODY OF SWORD-BEARERS AT A LATER TIME.

SUCH WAS THE TENOR OF A NEW COMMUNI-CATION I RECEIVED TODAY.

IT SEEMS SO.

OOOh ...!!?

THE SCHOOL'S SWORD-BEARERS?

EVERY SINGLE ONE?

THIS WILL BE THE VENUE FOR OUR "FAREWELL PARTY"—

AN ALL-AGAINST-ONE RANDORI ON THE GRANDEST SCALE.

Ugh

Sounds like a real pain

JINJAN JINJAJANG

BWAANG BWAANG

COOPERATION IS PERMITTED.

UNLIKE IN THE USUAL HOSHITORI, STUDENTS WILL BE COMPETING AS INDIVIDUALS, NOT IN GROUPS OF TWO.

SHINYUU STATUS, PAIRED OR UNPAIRED, IS IMMATERIAL.

PARTICIPATION WILL BE COMPULSORY FOR STUDENTS IN ALL GRADES, AS WELL AS FOR THE GRADUATING SWORD SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT.

HOWEVER, IN THE END, ONLY A SINGLE STUDENT WILL BE DECLARED VICTOR.

BA BHIAN BA BHIAAAN BA

WHILE ALL CURRENTLY-ENROLLED STUDENTS WILL ATTEMPT TO TAKE IT. THIS IS THE CONTEST.

WILL ATTEMPT TO PROTECT HER STAR UNTIL THE END,

THIS PERSON— THE GRADUATING STUDENT, YANAGI MAKOTO—

CLICK

Whoa whoa whoa whoa! Hold on a sec!

THAT LOOKS NOTHING LIKE THE PICTURE BEFORE!

WHO THE HELL IS THAT?

Interruption after interruption

?

WHAT ON EARTH IS IT *THIS* TIME, MIKADO-SAN?

AND THIS IS HER NOW.

CLICK

SNAP

12th grade

NO, THEY ARE ONE AND THE SAME.

THIS IS HER IN MIDDLE SCHOOL...

8th grade ?

MY APOLOGIES. SOME OUTDATED INFORMATION HAS GOTTEN MIXED IN.

AHH...

...

Huh!?

FORGET "OUTDATED"!! THAT'S A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON!

AHH, THAT'S HER! SURE ENOUGH! THAT'S THE GIRL YOU MADE CRY, AKIRA.

Thought she seemed different from what I remembered.

WHAT IN GOD'S NAME HAPPENED BETWEEN THOSE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS...?

SEE? NO PROBLEM AT ALL.

FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, BEGINNING IN MIDDLE SCHOOL,

I HAVE PROTECTED THE ONE, FINAL STAR REMAINING TO ME.

AND NOW AMACHI RAISES A HOST TO CLIMB THIS MOUNTAIN AND REAVE ME OF IT.

TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, SHE...

INTENDS TO STRIP ME NAKED AND CAST ME OUT.

BLUSH

INTENSE AND NAKED!!?

"Intends", not "intense".

'TIS NOT SO, KUROGANE-DONO.

...NAY.

Oh hO?

THAT'S AWFUL MEAN OF THE PRESIDENT!

SENDING EVERYONE IN THE SCHOOL AFTER YOU, UP HERE ALL BY YOUR LONE-SOME?

BUT MAN, IT SURE DON'T SEEM FAIR!

TO THE CONTRARY, I MUST BE GRATEFUL FOR HER TASTE AND GENEROSITY!

BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, I'M FEELING AN INDESCRIBABLE SURGE OF EXHILARATION...!

?HH!!

WHOAAAA-HAH!

IN THAT CASE, PERMIT THIS HUMBLE SERVANT TO AID YOU ON YOUR PATH!!!

Let us train!!! Kuro-gane-dono!!!

DUN

gippity-....sprrrring

DUNNNNN...

MIGHT IT BE YOU'RE... AIMING TO BECOME THE GREAT PEERLESS CHAMPION OF HEAVEN AND EARTH!!!?

DUN

DUN

You had BETTER BELIEVE I AM!!!

DUN DUN

DUN

DUN

GETTING PUMPED UP, ARE YOU, BOSS...?

OOH...

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

I am indeed!!

DUNDUNDUN

HERE.

THIS ONE'S YOURS, AYANA.

...AND SO, WITH ALL OF THAT SAID...

♫ DI DEE DI DOOO DEE DI DEE, DI

BEEDADOID BWOI BWOID BEEYOOP

...

YAARGH!

HEE-YAH!

MASH MASH SMASH

TWITCH

I JUST FREAKING TOLD YOU ATTENDANCE IS GOD DAMN. COMPULSORY.

YEAH ...

I'LL BE SKIPPING THAT.

mash mash

twitch

WHAT IS THAT THING?

SO, BASICALLY YOU WEREN'T LISTENING TO A WORD I JUST SAID?

twitch

Ba-da-da-da da-da-da

IT'S AN INVITATION TO THE GRADUATE FAREWELL PARTY.

Maybe that's why I told you to just LEAVE IT ALONE.

Teachers pushing your handouts on to me, teachers saying "Oh, could you tell Mudou-san that..."

Could you try to consider what it's been like for me this last week??

In the first place, AYANA.

Do you know how long it's been since I last slept?

slap

twitch

SLEEP-DEPRIVED

twitch

slap

BE MY GUEST.

POW POW POW POW WHUMP THUMP Infuriating bastard.

BWACK

SO IT'S FINE IF I JUST CHUCK THIS THING IN THE TRASH, RIGHT?

OH HO HO, ALL RIGHT, I GOT IT!

twitch twitch

I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY.

STILL ACTING LIKE THIS, EVEN NOW?

YOU STILL NEVER MAKE A MOVE ON YOUR OWN. YOU'RE TOO SCARED.

YOU JUST LOCK YOURSELF IN HERE AND POUT, LIKE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO EVER SUFFERS.

CAN'T YOU GET IT THROUGH YOUR HEAD THAT THESE SULLEN SIT-INS OF YOURS AREN'T CONVEYING A THING TO ANYONE?

GET TOO CLOSE, YOU GET MAD.

LEAVE YOU ALONE, YOU SULK.

REALLY HAVEN'T MADE MUCH PROGRESS, HAVE YOU?

OOCH

YO...
YOU'RE TOTALLY OFF.
...
MORON.
I AM... NOT SULKING. I'M ANGRY.
WHAT AM I OFF ABOUT?
MASHITY MASHITY SMASH
...WHICH IS THE SAME THING.
bwoooing ba-ba-bwoon byeeoop
...THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO COMPARE IT TO, RIGHT?
BA-BA-BA-BA-BAM
THIS IS... DIFFERENT FROM THE TIME WITH YUKARI.
IT'S NOT.
AND THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL I'M JUST GETTING SWITCHED OVER TO SOME NEW SHINYUU WHEN I NEVER EVEN ASKED FOR IT.
I DON'T HAVE ANY INTENTION OF DISSOLVING MY PARTNERSHIP WITH KURO.
BA-BAM
Bunch of nonsense...
BA-BAAAM

SIGH...

IF THAT'S HOW IT IS, THEN HAYATE-CHAN'S THE ONE YOU SHOULD BE SAYING THIS TO.

NO POINT.

SHE'S THE TYPE TO ALWAYS THINK ABOUT WHAT SHE CAN GIVE UP TO MAKE THINGS EASIER FOR OTHER PEOPLE.

You know,

LIKE WITH THAT OLDER SISTER OF HERS, UM...

NABI OR SAGI OR...

IT'S NAGI.

SEEMS LIKE SHE HAS SOME KIND OF SPECIAL PLACE IN KURO'S THOUGHTS, SO...

WHAT I SAY, OR WHAT I THINK, DOESN'T MEAN JACK.

IF KURO'S WILL ISN'T THERE, IT'S USELESS.

EY

OOOH

yet that moron's out there bitner ing around

FOR HERSELF, FOR HER *OWN* SAKE, *NOT* FOR ANYONE ELSE'S... IT'S USELESS.

IF SHE CAN'T COME OUT AND SAY CLEARLY

WHAT SHE'D LIKE, WHAT SHE HOPES FOR,

MASH MASH MASH

I GUESS YOU'VE MADE SOME PROGRESS AFTER ALL, AYANA-CHAN.

WELL, SO LONG AS YOU UNDERSTAND, IT'S FINE.

MM!

I see, I see!

This time it's purely a video-game strike, not a video-game/sulking strike

bee-booo bibiboop

YOU WON'T SEE ME GOING AROUND IN CIRCLES OVER THE SAME STUFF OVER AND OVER.

that's right

Listen to me seriously...

Ouchie...

Why'd they make the cord so long ?

I DO APOLOGIZE VERY SINCERELY...

BUT YOU KNOW, IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU'RE THINKING,

ISN'T THIS QUITE THE GOOD OPPORTUNITY COMING UP?

AH, NO, IT'S JUST.....

...WHAT.

TO THINK YOU'D MASTERED THAT KIND OF "TELL ME WHAT YOU'D LIKE ME TO DO" BEDROOM TECHNIQUE...

Hoooo my Ayana chan has grown up ?

THIS HERE.

IT'S A MASS HOSHITORI BATTLE. ALL SWORDBEARERS OBLIGATED TO COMPETE.

剣技特待生各位

HAYATE-CHAN STILL HASN'T GIVEN UP HER SWORDBEARER STATUS.

AND EVERYONE'S PARTICIPATING ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.....

WHICH WOULD MEAN YOU COULD EVEN

FIGHT AGAINST YOUR OWN SHINYUU.

...I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN.

MIGHT NOT BE AS BORING AS I THOUGHT.

YAH! HEE!

TORYAHHH!

TOH!

...BY THE WAY, BOSS,

WILL THIS MAKE US BETTER AT FIGHTING WITH SWORDS!!?

TARGETING THE BODY'S VITAL POINTS IS AN ESSENTIAL SKILL!!!

HOR YAH

TEN MORE FORWARD-THRUST PUNCHES, KUROGANE-DONO!!!

HIIIIII-YAH!!!

EYY!

YAH!

YES, BOSS!!!

HOH!

FSHHUUUUU

crack

snap

crackle

crackle-crackle

crackle

EY-AHHH!!!

FROM TRAINING IN SUPER HIGH-SPEED THRUSTS, A LIGHTNING-FAST SWORD-HANDLING TECHNIQUE SHOULD BE BORN!

BOOSH

"SHOULD BE"???

Ohhh... THE DIFFICULTY LEVEL JUMPED UP PRETTY QUICKLY THERE!!

...NEXT IS TO JAB OUR BARE HANDS INTO THIS RED-HOT GRAVEL.

GULP...

blaze

blaze

VSSHHHHH

YEAH.

BOSS...

MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY SOME PRACTICE SWINGS, OR SPARRING...

WOOSH

...I OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW NOT TO LOSE MY COMPO-SURE...

I'VE NEVER REALLY TRAINED TOGETHER WITH SOMEBODY ELSE LIKE THIS...

GUESS I WAS SORT OF ACTING LIKE A LITTLE KID...

...

BUT... SHE'S BEEN OUT THERE FOR FIVE YEARS, A "LONE WOLF" CLINGING TO HER ONLY STAR...

THAT BASICALLY TELLS US WHAT SORT OF ABILITY SHE HAS, RIGHT?

YET YOU'RE GONNA SIC EVERY SWORDBEARER IN THE SCHOOL ON HER...? THAT REALLY OKAY...?

YOU THINK IT MIGHT BE DANGER-OUS?

YOU *DON'T?*

I MEAN, SHE MAY CARRY A SWORD, BUT ALL SHE'S DONE IS RUN AND HIDE.

SHE BEGAN WITH FIVE. AS A SOLO FIGHTER,

EVERY STAR *SHE* HAS LOST, HAS BEEN THROUGH THE HOSHITORI.

HOW-EVER,

SHE COULD NOT AUGMENT THIS TOTAL, HOWEVER MANY DUELS SHE WON.

...IF A SWORD-BEARING STUDENT

DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HOSHITORI, OVER TIME,

SENSOR OFF. ON STAND-BY, OUTSIDE OF DESIGNATED AREAS

LOSE ONE TURN

SHE WILL BEGIN TO FORFEIT HER STARS, ONE BY ONE.

EN CIEL

WHY, SHE'S BEEN DOING THAT FOR FIVE LONG YEARS NOW.

SO, TRUE, SHE IS OF THE LOWEST OFFICIAL RANK. BUT AS FOR ASKING HER TO STAND ALONE AGAINST ALL COMERS AND DEFEND HER STAR...

Yo!

thWack

Wh-

crack

crack

...Wh-

WhOAAA-
hA!?

HA HA HA. SO SAY ALL WHO FIRST FACE MY BLADE.

AREN'T YOU KINDA LIKE REALLY, REALLY GOOD!!?

I was looking down on you BIG time

hOLD UP ThERE BOSS!!

skreet

stud

PROCEEDING ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO THE SHINTOU MUNEN, TENNEN RISHIN,

BEGINNING WITH THE KAGE, NEN, AND SHINTOU SWORD STYLES,

YOU MUST NOT TAKE ME LIGHTLY BY ANY MEANS, KUROGANE-DONO.

FOR I, YANAGI MAKOTO, THOUGH OF THE HUMBLEST RANK, HAVE...

AND HOKUSHIN ITTOU STYLES...

EVERYTHING MUST BE DEDICATED ENTIRELY TO THE SWORD. ALL ONE'S AMBITION, ALL ONE'S LOVE.

KURO-GANE-DONO—

YOU MUST HAVE IT AS WELL. THAT LOVE.

OH...?

MASTERED ALL AND SUNDRY SCHOOLS OF SWORDMANSHIP

THROUGH THE DUTIFUL STUDY AND IMITATION OF NOVELS, MOTION PICTURES, AND VHS CASSETTES!!!

THAT'S PRECISELY WHY I'VE CONTINUED FIGHTING ALONE ALL THESE YEARS.

...AND WHAT'LL MAKE IT SO HARD TO LEAVE THIS SCHOOL.

LOVE...

?

LOVE

don't use your sword as a writing utensil

THAT'S RIGHT.

IT IS SO WITH ALL SWORD-BEARERS.

IT MAY BE MERELY AS AN AMATEUR, BUT...

I TRULY DO LOVE THE SWORD.

.....
.....
.....

OH HOH...

clank
clink clink clink
clink clink clang
rattle

—PEH!!

THAT VILLAIN IS BACK!!!

clinkety clink clink ka-chink

"VILLAIN"!?

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, BOSS!!?

hUh? Eh-

INVETERATE KNAVE...! STILL HASN'T LEARNED HER LESSON!?

rush

VSSHHHH!

FLOP SMACK

FLOP FLOP FLOP FLOP FLOP SMACK

Ah ha ha! What's with my luck today

From one amazement to the next!

••••••••

••••••••

••••••••

TASTE JUDGEMENT, SCOUNDREL!!!

LUNGE

HOW DID I KNOW! YOU AGAIN!

BEAST-WOMAN—!?!?!?

BOUND

PREPARE YOURSELF!! TODAY WILL BE THE DAY!!

OH ME OH ME OH MY...

B-B-Boss...

AHHH...

EYAHH

THRUST

Ze-yah!!!

BOSSSSSSSS SSSSSSSS!!!!

FFFSSS

SMACK

BWAUGH

SHE'S A CONTEMPTIBLE THIEF.

I KNOW HER WELL.

BEAST-WOMAN. SHE'S...

BOSS. BOSS, ARE YOU OK!?

GIVE IT BACK...! GIVE ME BACK MY EXTRA-SPECIAL RAINBOW TROUT...

DAMNATION AND BLAST...

SO THE PERSON WE SEE TODAY WAS FORGED AGAINST BEAST-WOMAN'S SWORD...

...

I COULDN'T COUNT HOW MANY TIMES WE'VE CROSSED BLADES, BUT I'VE YET TO BEST HER...

ALWAYS COMING AROUND TO BURGLE MY FISH-POND...

She's like your final boss?

FWO

Clink Clink

OSH

SPROING

SPROING

PERFECTLY COMMONPLACE GENERAL STUDENT WHO LOVED TO READ.

AT THE START... I WAS A QUIET,

I RUSHED INTO THE HOSHITORI, COMPLETELY LACKING ANY SKILL OR EXPERIENCE WITH THE SWORD.

BUT OUT OF ADMIRATION FOR THE SWORDMASTERS I READ ABOUT IN HISTORICAL NOVELS,

ABOVE ALL ELSE, AREN'T YOU JUST DYING OF CURIOSITY?

WITH A PERSONALITY LIKE THAT, WHO CAN SAY WHAT BIZARRE EXTREMES SHE'S REACHED BY NOW!

YEAH...

THAT'S YOUR REAL INTEREST HERE, RIGHT? HOWEVER MANY NICE WORDS YOU THROW AROUND.

Don't give me your "gusto"

Ah, what a dreamer! Going for the gusto!

CLAP

I'VE GOT ONE!

WHAT ARE WE GONNA BE DOING DURING ALL THIS?

GETTING THE FEELING US WHITE-SHIRTS WILL BE INVOLVED SOMEHOW TOO.

And I doubt she'd be much of a match for us

YES, TONAMI-SAN.

SIMPLY MY WAY OF SAYING EVERYTHING'S UP TO THE STUDENTS.

...NOW THEN, ANY QUESTIONS SO FAR?

THE STUDENT COUNCIL'S ROLE WILL SIMPLY BE—

Figured so

we ARE involved? Ah,

Ah yes

...INDEED. AS FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT...

OUR FINAL ITEM FOR NOW IS THE EVENT DATE.
IT WILL BE HELD JUST PRIOR TO THE GRADUATION CEREMONY...
...BUT THAT MATTER, TOO, CAN BE MORE THOROUGHLY EXPLAINED AT A LATER TIME.
...WHAT?
TO ACT AS "INTERCEPTORS", AS IT WERE.
gliiiint
"IDEAL", LIKE HELL. YOU KNOW MOST OF US ARE ALREADY MORONS TO BEGIN WITH.
HEH HEH HEH.
JUST WHAT MAKES IT IDEAL.
ON THE TWENTIETH OF FEBRUARY.
...THE 20TH...
THAT'S TWO DAYS BEFORE FINAL EXAMS!
ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
YOU SURE THAT'S OKAY? SWORDBEARING STUDENTS'LL BE IN FOR IT!
ALL MEMBERS DISMISSED.
DON'T BARRE-THROUGH
yes.
WELL THEN, THAT WILL BE ALL FOR TODAY.
YOU'RE SO FAR OFF THE FREAKING RAILS I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY.
Aren't you sticking up the wrong finger!?
BA-
BWIN BWANG
WHAT'S THAT!!? WHO YOU CALLING A MORON, BOURGEOIS !?!?

JUST CUTTING CLASS AND PLAYING VIDEO GAMES.

KURO STILL NOT BACK YET?

WHAT'S UP? HEARD YOU WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF A SIT-DOWN STRIKE.

OH? IT'S YOU, MUDOU-SAN?

Good day

Hey...!

THE NEXT DAY

...Momo-suke. ?

Would that be Kibi-san?

An upper-classman is calling for you!

NG DI NG

DO

FIGURED AS MUCH.

THEN, IF YOU WOULD...

rustle

SHE HAS BEEN SNEAKING IN AND OUT OF OUR ROOM, BUT...

...MM... WELL...

EH...

WHAT IS THIS?

COULD YOU TRY TO MAKE SURE SHE SEES THAT?

Thanks a bunch

A flier selling video games?

flip

KURO:
IF YOU DON'T SHOW UP AT THE FAREWELL PARTY, I'LL BEAT YOU UNTIL YOU WEEP.
P.S.

YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU READ IT.

hmph

hmph

hmph

P.S. THE BEATING DOESN'T STOP ONCE YOU'RE WEEPING.

BAUUUU...

THIS... THIS'S MORE LIABLE TO SCARE HER OFF THAN DRAW HER IN...

Words're just brimming with rage.

JUST IN TIME, TOO. WHAT'RE YOU DOING FOR THE FAREWELL PARTY?

SO YOU'VE FINALLY STARTED COMING TO SCHOOL AGAIN.

TIMES LIKE THESE CALL FOR SHINYUU PAIRS TO WORK TOGETHER. WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?

HM?

IF IT ISN'T SENPAI?

STRIDE
SO WHY DON'T YOU GO DISCUSS THAT WITH YOUR SHINYUU
AND NOT WITH UNRELATED PARTIES.
...
YOU MAY BE RIGHT.
Ohh?
STRIDE
STRIDE
OOH...
SHE HATES ME.
Ha ha ha
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING ABOUT?
YOU'D BETTER HURRY UP AND MAKE SOME FRIENDS TOO.
STRIDE
It's fine. There's no problem.
There hasn't been any paperwork signed, or anything.
STRIDE
Your father
worries about you.

In other words, my shinyuu is still...

WHY DO I HAVE TO FEEL MISERABLE ALL THE TIME LIKE THIS...?

The rage is rising again...

...THE THINGS I GO THROUGH FOR THAT PAIN-IN-THE-ASS IMBECILE...

.....
.....
.....

RRRMM

DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER YOU COME OR NOT, I'M GONNA BEAT THE HELL OUT OF YOU!!!

KURO!! YOU MENTAL AND PHYSICAL MIDGET!!!

BURST

Jump!

3-C

From outside?

WHAT WAS THAT?

Just now...

WAS THAT MUDOU-SAN?

...WH—

Sigh. . .

...

SO I WAS ABOUT READY TO GIVE UP ON HER, BUT...

I'D HEARD SHE HAD CONFINED HERSELF IN HER ROOM AGAIN,

LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING IS JUST FINE.

Ah ha ha

TRUE ENOUGH.

...OH HOHHHH~ ...

HOW DID SHE KNOW I WAS HERE...?

If I go out there now

I'll be erased.

AYANA'S A BONA FIDE SUPRA-WOMAN...

WE SEEM TO COME ACROSS HER A LOT WHEN SHE'S IN THAT STATE...

YES, IT APPEARS THAT IT WAS...

BURNNNN...

She's incensed, huh ?

HOWEVER SLOWLY, THE CELLS

JUST LIKE WHEN WE'VE SUFFERED AN INJURY...

NOBODY STAYS IN THE SAME PLACE FOREVER.

?

UNTIL ALL OUR WOUNDS ARE HEALED.

RENEW THEMSELVES OF THEIR OWN ACCORD, ONE BY ONE

Sanitized for your Protection

Now then!

...YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE, SENPAI?

LET'S PUT OUR ALL INTO THIS! YUKARI!

IF KUROGANE-SAN AND MUDOU-SAN COME BACK, WE REALLY WILL HAVE EVERYONE PARTICIPATING TOGETHER!

Geez... Yukariiii...

Please keep up that enthusiasm We'll make up for lost time

IT WAS MERELY A JOKE.

B- BUT! I MEAN, MY INJURY'S TOTALLY HEALED NOW!

Ehh ...?

Man, she's terrifying.

:D's nice that she seems willing to talk, but

I guess Ayana will be coming to this thing too, huh...

...

You'd sure as hell better be there,

Dumb-ass Kuro.

AND SO, TO THE DAY OF THE EVENT.

...PLEASE PUT THEM IN THE REFRIGERATOR.

Trivia

Page 6

Hitsugi refers to two motion pictures featuring chaotic contests, ***Battle Royale*** (2000) and ***Cannonball Run*** (1981).

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Moronsuke/Momosuke: "-suke" is a common ending for Japanese (male) given names.

Page 9

Randoris are special Hoshitori duels fought against multiple opponents at once. Hayate and Ayana's 2-on-18 battle in Volume 1 was a randori. The term derives from a form of practice in certain martial-arts disciplines.

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Makoto lists various swordfighting styles dating from the era of the samurai:

Kage-ryū (陰流):
Founded by Aizu Ikō, 15th century.
Nen-ryū (念流):
Two schools, founded by Uesaka Hanzaemon and Nenami Jion, 14th century.
Shintō-ryū (新当流):
Founded by Tsukahara Bokuden, 16th century.
Also called Bokuden-ryū.
Shintō Munen-ryū (神道無念流):
Founded by Fukui Yoshihira, 18th century.
Tennen Rishin-ryū (天然理心流):
Founded by Kondō Kuranosuke, 18th century.
Hokushin Ittō-ryū (北辰一刀流):
Founded by Chiba Shūsaku, 19th century.

TENCHI ACADEMY SWORDBEARER REGISTER

◎Name **柳生 真**

◎ Reading Yanagi Makoto

■ DATA

◎Year and Class

High School,
Third Year, Class D

◎Height

167 cm (5' 7")

◎Weight

55 kg (121 lbs)

◎Date of Birth

November 1st

◎Star Sign

Scorpio

◎Blood Type

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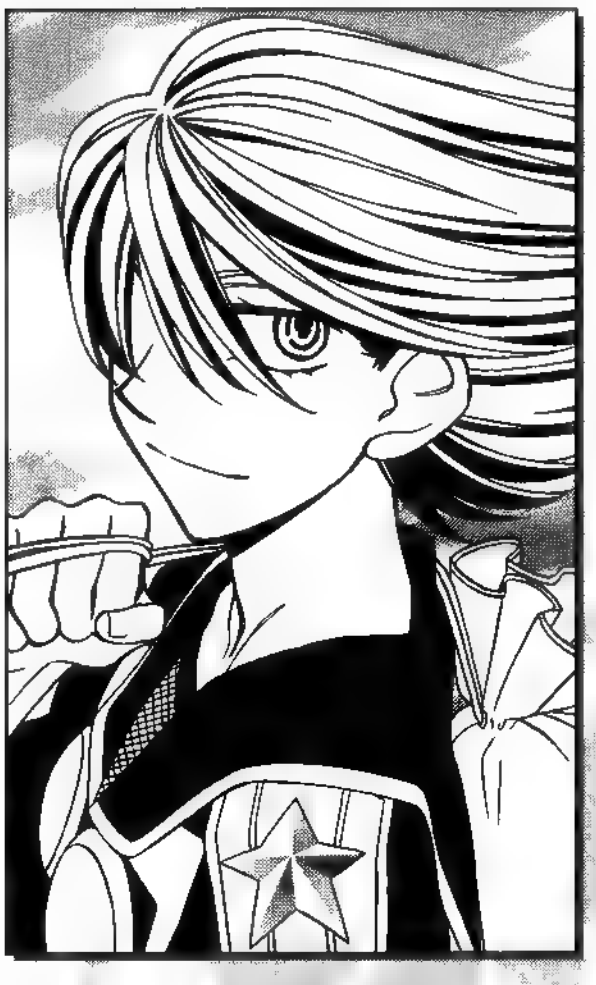

◎Favorite Phrase

Stars in the heavens; Flowers
upon the earth; Love among humans.

◎Family Members

Father, Mother, Elder Sister, Juubei (dog)

FILE 30

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DAWN HAS ARRIVED.

BRINGING WITH IT, THE MORNING OF THE GRADUATE FAREWELL PARTY.

THE BATTLE SITE IS IN THE MOST PRISTINE CONDITION ONE COULD ASK FOR.

FEELING SUFFICIENTLY PUMPED UP!?

YES, MA'AM !!!

MY NURSES !!!

MOUNTAIN MODIFICATION

DUN!

WE'LL BE PLUCKING UP THE FRESHLY MAIMED AND WOUNDED BY THE CARTLOAD...

THE CASUALTY NUMBERS COULD BE GIGANTIC TOO...

PLEASE, DON'T TREAT OUR PATIENTS LIKE A TANGERINE HARVEST! CAPTAIN!

Come to me...

Hah

Come into my para-medic care!

IF THINGS GO BADLY, THESE IDIOTS MIGHT WELL TAKE THIS GIGANTIC BRAWL CLEAR INTO TOMORROW!

THERE IS NO TIME LIMIT WHATSO-EVER!

THIS IS UNFAMILIAR TERRAIN. UNDERESTIMATE IT, AND YOU'LL END UP A BURDEN ON YOUR COMRADES!!

YES, MA'AM!!

I'LL GO THROUGH THE EVENT PLAN ONE LAST TIME, SO EVERYONE FALL IN.

YES, MA'AM

THERE SEEMS TO BE SOMEONE GETTING ALL RILED UP ON HER OWN, BUT TAKE CARE NOT TO GET CAUGHT UP.

Haul 'em in! THIS IS A RAID!!!

BLAZE!!!

Ahh... sure enough! "Harvest" isn't a bad word at all!

Captain!

You're being overly exuberant, Captain!

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blink

blink

blink.

.....

.....

.....

THAT'S QUITE THE UNPLEASANT AURA YOU'RE EMITTING, MUDOU-SAN.

AHH...

YOU SAID IT. I FEEL SLUGGISH AS ANY-THING.

Want sleep ☆

THE KURO THING CAN WAIT FOR SOME OTHER DAY, RIGHT?

EHHH... YEAH, THIS AIN'T HAPPENING.

NO, IT CAN'T. YOU REALLY ARE THE WORST, YOU KNOW THAT?

Ha ha ha...

TWITCH TWITCH

TWEEEEET

I'M NEVER UP THIS EARLY UNLESS I'VE BEEN PLAYING VIDEO GAMES ALL NIGHT.

WHY DOES IT HAVE TO START AT THIS UNGODLY HOUR?

Urgh

so bright

WHAT A TRULY IRREDEEM-ABLE POINT OF VIEW.

AH,

DUN

THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAS SOME EXPLANATORY REMARKS BEFORE WE BEGIN.

SWORD-BEARERS! FORM INTO LINE!!

NO NEED FOR THAT. REMAIN AT EASE AND GATHER AROUND.

DUN

DUN

DUN

murmur

murmur

murmur

IT'S THE WHITE-SHIRTS. THE STUDENT COUNCIL.

AND, OUTSIDE OF THE PRESIDENT, THEY'RE ALL WEARING THE SAME OUTFIT WE ARE.

Errr. Sure I've seen their faces..

OHH, IT'S...

They're competing too?

Are you serious?

THOSE RUMORS I HAD HEARD ABOUT THE WHITESHIRTS PARTICIPATING.

...IT SEEMS THEY WERE TRUE, THEN.

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.....

...
...

NICE TO MEET YOU, MUDOU-SAN...

I'M ASAKURA MIZUCHI, FROM CLASS A...!!!

DON'T QUIT PRE-EMPTIVELY!! MIZUCHI-SAAAAN!!!

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

da-dan

Debut Appearance!! A mysterious okanmi?

Ahh... Was it some-thing like that...?

THE UMPIRES EXPLAINED IT A LITTLE BIT AGO, RIGHT?

WE SET OFF INDIVIDUALLY, AT 3-MINUTE INTERVALS,

FROM ONE OF 4 GATES, DIVIDED ACCORDING TO RANK.

...CAN YOU REALLY MAKE IT THROUGH LIFE WITH SUCH A LACKADAISICAL MEMORY?

WHAT?

"GATE" ...

I JUST FIGURED I'D GREET HER, GIVEN WE'RE STARTING FROM THE SAME GATE.

...IT'S FINE. I'M USED TO IT.

I'm not used to it at all!!

This kind of thing

HUH?

Which is to say
ALL OF US WILL BE DEPARTING FROM THE SAME PLACE.
SO IT WOULD BE QUITE EASY FOR US TO GET IN YOUR WAY RIGHT FROM THE START, BUT...
STILL HASN'T COME BACK YET, HAS SHE?
...HAYATE-CHAN...
My my my
I'D APPRECIATE THE HONOR OF CRUSHING THE PAIR OF YOU TOGETHER.
EVEN IF JUST TO REPAY OUR LITTLE DEBT FROM BEFORE,
WE'LL MEET AT THE END TO DUEL FOR THAT FINAL STAR.
SO HURRY UP AND HUNT DOWN THAT SHINYUU OF YOURS.

CLANK

NOW THEN,

ALL ATTENTION HERE!

CLANK

CLANK

CLANK

CLANK

CLANK

CLANK

wa-bam!

LET US RUN THROUGH THE DETAILS AND SOME SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

...CAN YOU SAY THAT KIND OF THING

AFTER YOU KNOCK OUT ALL THE OTHER COMPETITORS?

"NO ABSENTEES PERMITTED" —

WHICH MEANS RIGHT NOW, KUROGANE-SAN IS SOMEWHERE ON THIS BATTLE-GROUND AS WELL.

MAKE IT QUICK, OR WE'LL GO AHEAD AND SNATCH THAT STAR WITHOUT YOU.

!

IN BRIEF, WHOEVER TAKES THE GRADUATING STUDENT'S STAR IS THE VICTOR.
THE RULES ARE PRECISELY AS REPRESENTED IN THE MATERIAL ALREADY PROVIDED.
AT THIS POINT, THE COMPETITOR IS DISQUALIFIED, AND MUST PROMPTLY WITHDRAW FROM THE BATTLE-GROUND.
..Yet another uselessly huge expense...
AFTER THREE SUCH STRIKES, THE ENTIRE UNI-FORM WILL HAVE TURNED BLACK.
THE TRACK-SUITS THAT YOU ALL ARE WEARING FOR THIS EVENT
CONTAIN IMPACT-POINT SENSORS IN THREE PLACES: THE LEFT AND RIGHT ARMS, AND THE CHEST.
WHAT ARE YOU ON ABOUT?
THIS IS NO WAY TO GO ABOUT IT...
NO WAY...
How outrageous
RATHER THAN TURNING BLACK, THE UNIFORM TURNING INCREASINGLY TRANSPARENT...
WOULD BRING THAT ADDED AIR OF TENSION— INDEED, THAT ADDED AIR OF JOY...!!
YOU NEED SOME KIND OF BRAIN TREATMENT AND YOU NEED IT FAST.
RIGHT!?
We'll see everything... and our everything will be seen...!
EACH INDIVIDUAL SECTION WILL CHANGE COLOR IF IT RECEIVES A VALID SWORD-BLOW.

AND, ONE MORE ESSENTIAL PIECE OF EQUIPMENT:

DRAGON RADAR!

GPS, SHE MEANS.

Sp

THOSE WHO WISH TO USE SOMETHING ELSE MAY CHOOSE FROM A SELECTION WHICH MANAGEMENT HAS PREPARED.

APPLY AT YOUR GATE BEFORE DEPARTURE.

I wonder whether I can get a nunchaku

That's not a sword

FOR A FIGHTING IMPLEMENT, YOU MAY USE THE SWORD PRESENTLY REGISTERED TO YOUR NAME.

Yes, it seems to be no problem

She said I'm allowed to use it, right? ^^;;

You won't get mad at me?

No, I won't get mad

bwoooooouM

THIS IS EVERY-ONE'S GPS TERMINAL SCREEN.

IT WILL DISPLAY THE LOCATION AND RANK OF EVERY COMPETITOR IN THE FIELD.

LIVE CAMERA FEEDS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR CERTAIN AREAS.

FOR EXAMPLE, THIS SCREEN IS PRESENTLY—
SHOWING THE POSITION OF YOUR FINAL TARGET, THE GRADUATING STUDENT.
IF WE SWITCH OVER TO THE LIVE FEED...
CAM70
AN IMAGE FROM... NEAR THE MOUNTAIN'S SUMMIT, YES?
WHOOMP
ZOOM IN...
BIP

IT SEEMS ONE CURRENT STUDENT IS COOPERATING WITH THE GRADUATE,

HOWEVER, AS IT REPRESENTS NO IMPEDIMENT TO YOUR OBJECTIVE OR ACTIONS, YOU MAY DISREGARD THIS.

Ah, dear, she's got that intent look in her eyes

MY, MY...

SO HAYATE-CHAN WENT OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE, DID SHE?

DUMBASS KURO!!!?

.....

.....

AH, YES,

BY THE WAY...

WHAT AN EXCESSIVELY INTERESTING GIRL.

Really

Sigh

HOW ON EARTH DID SHE END UP THERE...?

THERE'S A MORON THERE.

I SEE IT.

Um, Momo-ka-san,

On the screen, that's...

That just leaves...

So, she's showed herself after all.

Excellent, excellent

Heh hmmm!
WHAT AN UNEXPECTED TWIST WE HAVE HERE!
...WELLLL... WELL WELL WELL!
Heh
hemm!
HER BRIDE AND HER BLOOD SISTER, WHEN, WHAT IS THIS UNEXPECTED FLING...?
HERE WE'VE BEEN ASSUMING HER MAIDENLY HEART WAS WAVERING BETWEEN
Mudou Ayana.
The key player in this situation isn't me. It's you,
How's she going to move here..?
Her
You back there. Could you shut the Fuck up a second...
.....
.....
.....
DUN DUN DUN
DUN DUN DUN
DUN DUN DUN
Terribly sorry to have disturbed you.
Yes'm.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, MUDOU-SAN!?
WHAT A LITTLE IMP. THAT HAYATE-CHAN! WHAT A GIGOLO, Eh!?
JAB JAB
WHAT ARE YOU GOING
TO...
Gasp...

...

That ain't no "new partner", that person's graduating from this place.

The genuine hell-fury of an authentic murder-bashing demon!!!

IF THAT'S HOW BADLY YOU WANT TO SEE IT, THEN I'LL SHOW IT TO YOU:

...I SEE.

SO, THAT'S HOW IT IS.

WHILE I'M OVER HERE FRETTING MYSELF SICK, SHE'S ALREADY MOVED ON TO THE NEXT PARTNER.

Geez almighty, she's scary

What is this woman's deal?

...But, even if I point that out, she's not going to hear me.

SWOOSH

YES?

.....
.....

BOSS...

QUIETEN YOUR HEART, KUROGANE-DONO.

And I seem to be quaking for some reason...

Down near the foot of the mountain...

I feel like I can see some kinda dreadfully sinister presence...

LOOOOOO

shake tremble shake

OOM

VERY WELL.

OOh-
Oh!

keeeee

yarr

BANISH POLLUTING THOUGHTS.

BE AS STILL WATER OR A POLISHED MIRROR.

BE AS THE GREAT AND PEERLESS PIONEER. EXTINGUISH YOUR HEART AND MIND. YOUR FEAR TOO WILL VANISH.

—NOW, THEN. THE APPOINTED TIME DRAWS NEAR.

AT THE STARTING SIGNAL, ENEMIES WILL RUSH FORTH FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.

WE CANNOT REMAIN LONG IN ANY ONE PLACE.

RISE

YESh ma'am!

YES, INDEED.

IF THAT DOES IT FOR YOU, IT'S CLOSE ENOUGH.

AND EVEN THE MOST TERRIBLE PAIN WILL BE ECSTASY!!!

CLEAR YOUR MIND OF DISTRACTING THOUGHTS. AND YOU'LL NEVER FORGET TO TURN THE STOVE OFF!

JUST LIKE THEY SAY, RIGHT!?

Ain't that so!!

HOOOH

ARE YOU NOT PERHAPS OVEREX-TENDING YOURSELF?

hUM?

TREAD

TREAD

HOWEVER, KUROGANE-DONO...

...

hMM?

?

TREAD

TREAD

TREAD

I-

IT'S NO PROBLEM! PERFECTLY FINE!

???

SINCE, LIKE, SOON SHE MIGHT NOT BE MY SHINYUU AT ALL ANYMORE.

JERK

ZOCK

IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, YOU HAVE A SHINYUU OF YOUR OWN.

GOING SO FAR AS TO JOIN MY SIDE... THERE'S A LIMIT TO CAPRICE.

ZOCK

AH...

JUST KILLING SOME TIME! THROWAWAY MATCH! SIGNIFIES NOTHIN'!

I'M LEAVING THIS PLACE SOON ANYWAY.

Yeah!

REALLY THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO STICK AROUND TENCHI.

YOU'VE MERELY PROVEN YOUR UNWILLINGNESS TO LEAVE THIS SCHOOL.

TREAD

Ur- hugh...

TREAD

...YOU DON'T REALLY MEAN THOSE WORDS.

THUD

MWELL, 'BOUT THAT...

TREAD

FOR A TRUE FOOTSOLDIER, YOUR HEART CAN ONLY BE FOUND WITHIN YOUR SWORD.

IF YOU'RE LOST, IT MEANS YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR OWN HEART.

TREAD

KUROGANE-DONO.

YOU MUST QUESTION YOUR OWN SELF AT THE TIP OF A SWORD-BLADE,

THE NEXT BLAST WILL SIGNAL THE START OF HOSTILITIES.
THAT'S THE WARNING BLAST.
OOH...
hOO-
Ah!!
COME, LET US MOVE WITH VIGOR!
THEY WON'T EASILY DYE THIS UNIFORM BLACK!!
RUSH
LINE UP ACCORDING TO THE PRE-DETERMINED LOTTERY ORDER—...
WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN!
BUSTLE
RUSH
IF EACH COMPETITOR WOULD PROCEED TO THE GATE CORRESPONDING TO HER RANK!

The victor will have the following options available to her:

However, one final note regarding the reward for the event's winner.

Swordbearers, all preparations to begin are complete.

CRANK

CRANK

CRANK

CRANK

There will be a cash option,

an edible goods option,

Yes, yes... Good for you, huh?

Food!?!!

A trip to Hawaii,

Waihaa, she said! Waihaa!!

Ouka!

Why Hawaii?

You just like saying "Waihaa", right!?

And, an end-of-term examination exemption option.

From these options, she will choose one, according to her fancy.

Food options not too popular

Hawaii ?

Money! Show me the money!

Cash!

These tests are a more a nightmare

Hawaii?

Are you serious?

Hraah!

SIGH...

WHAT KIND OF SWORD-BEARERS ARE WE...?

WHEN MATERIAL REWARDS ENTER THE PICTURE, EVERYBODY'S EYES CHANGE COLOR...

Hyeeeah!

AH HA HA...

Ah ha ha ha ha ha ha!

Haaahh

Well then! Good luck to you, my sword-bearers!

That certainly brought the tension up! Splendid, surpassingly splendid.

I HAD NO IDEA.

BUT, WELL, IT'S HER MONEY TO SPEND AS SHE LIKES.

DID YOU KNOW SHE WAS BLOWING SO MUCH CASH ON THIS?...

...MIYA-MOTO.

So what can I do ?

EVEN FROM AIMS LIKE THAT, REAL STRENGTH CAN BE BORN.

MOTIVATION IS ESSENTIAL, WHEREVER IT SPRINGS FROM.

WE DON'T REALLY NEED ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT, DO WE?

AS FOR ME... I WANT TO TRY THIS ARM OUT, AND BREAK IN MY NEW ACCOMPLICE HERE.

AND YOU, I IMAGINE, JUST WANT TO HONE YOUR SKILLS.

AND MY TURN TO ENTER IS COMING UP FIRST.

...SEEMS WE'LL BE MOVING SEPARATELY FOR TODAY.

I'M HEADED OUT, YUKARI!

IF THE TWO OF US HAPPEN TO BE LEFT AT THE END—

...YES!

LET US FIGHT!

WHAM

Hyahh!

Oh no! I'm sorry! I'm so sorry!

Ah, dear

I'm starting to get really excited myself

PLEASE, BE CARE-FUL NOT TO FALL...

B-RANKERS! B-RANKING SWORDBEAR-ERS, OVER HERE!

GATE:B

WE'LL NOW BEGIN OPENING THE GATE! PLEASE WAIT IN PRE-DETERMINED LOTTERY ORDER!

AYA-

!

-na?

Hoooh...

FWOOOOO

I hope Kurogane-san makes it out of this alive...

FWOOSH

There's no call for you to seethe quite so menacingly...

.....
.....

Hold on, now...

Today will definitely be the day that Mudou-san finally murders me!

Today will be the day...

In those first 3 minutes I have to put as much distance between us as humanly possible

MENACE

12th

11th

Masuda Kei

She's the one

who should be by your side, Ayana.

?

Because when you come to take our star,

...Well, in any case,

Please give it your all today.

A BATTLE SA

KAKAKAKAKAKA

#, go ahead!

#2, step up to the gate!

HOLD UP! BATH-ROOM!!

You're going the wrong way, Kikkawa!!

SOMEONE ELSE TAKE MY SPOT!

TEMPORARY RESTROOMS, that way!

fsshh

GATE·SA

SO, THEY'VE FINALLY STARTED HEADING OUT.

JUST ONE EVERY THREE MINUTES... WE HAVE QUITE A WAIT AHEAD OF US.

WHAT A BOTHER-SOME PARTY.

NOW THEN, ENSUU.

THEY NEVER EXPLAINED HOW, PRECISELY, THE WHITESHIRTS WOULD BE INVOLVED,

BUT, THERE'S QUITE THE GOOD CHANCE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO PLAY WITH THEM.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY TODAY?

...

A PLAY-GROUND OF THIS SIZE MEANS RAMPAGE-ALL-YOU-LIKE.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

HAZE...

HAAAZE

HAZE

HAZE

!!

...

...YOU'RE NOT LISTENING TO ME AT ALL, ARE YOU, ENSUU...

WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO THE FISH...!!?

NO, *YOU* GET BACK DOWN HERE.

...if you would

Please speak in more of a shout,

I'M AFRAID I DIDN'T CATCH YOUR WORDS, MIKADO-SAN.

HUH? WHAT WAS THAT?

I'M NOT WAITING FOR YOU TO SPRING IT ON US AT THE LAST MOMENT.

QUIT HIDING IT FROM US. WHAT THE HELL DO "INTERCEP-TORS" DO?

BE AS IMPATIENT AS YOU LIKE, YOUR TURN IS STILL YET TO COME.

Heavens me

CRANK

CRANK

CRANK

CRANK

CRANK

Here you are, Hitsugi-sama! Ladder's all ready for you!

'BOUT TIME YOU EXPLAINED OUR ROLE IN THIS LITTLE SHINDIG, YEAH?

WELL, IT'S BEGUN.

GETTING IN THE STUDENTS' WAY—*THAT* IS YOUR JOB.

I'M NOT HIDING A THING. EXACTLY AS THE NAME IMPLIES:

THEY "INTERCEPT."

...

HOW EXACTLY DO WE GO ABOUT GETTING IN THEIR WAY?

YES, YES, ALL RIGHT. WELL, YOU SEE...

You should pay a little more attention to them!

Ah, geez, always stressing the details!

AND SO WHAT? WHAT EXACTLY?

...

S-

SOME AMAZING INTELLI-GENCE HAS FALLEN INTO MY LAP...

RESTROOM

LIKE THAT OLD SAYING ABOUT FINDING A HORSE INSIDE A GOURD...

A GLORIOUS PIECE OF INFORMATION FROM A TRIP TO THE JOHN!

I MUST MUSTER THE A-TEAM IMMEDIATELY ...!

SO THIS IS HOW THE WHITESHIRTS ARE TO BE INVOLVED...

I'M NOT SURE...

YEAH, AND WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH *ONLY* ME NOT GETTING TO HAVE A GPS TERMINAL?

FOR THE MOMENT, PERHAPS TRY PUTTING ON THE HEADSET?

All this last-minute stuff.

It's not nice to bully people!

AN INTERCOM?

WHAT'S THIS?

A COMMUNI-CATOR OF SOME KIND, IT SEEMS...

THE PRESIDENT INSTRUCTED THAT YOU SHOULD USE THIS, KUGA-SAN.

HELLO? ANYBODY THERE?

This event was enough of a pain to begin with.

FINE, ALREADY, GEEZ!

ACHI

Jun?

...Ah.

What? What? What? Eh? Why!? What is going on!!? What are you doing, Yuuho!!?

YUUHO —!!?

THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO ASK...

IT SEEMS "MANDATORY PARTICIPATION FOR ALL SWORDBEARERS" APPLIES TO ME, TOO...

BWUUUU

UFO!?

Stop shouting, Jun...

EH!?

A UFO? Where!?

YOU'RE MY GPS TERMINAL, YUUHO?

Basically

It's like having a voice navigation system

I GOT IT.

Since I'm still not even allowed to leave my room.

The President asked if I could handle just acting as support for my shinyuu.

NO, I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING.

Huh?

THAT PRESIDENT OF OURS CERTAINLY KNOWS HOW TO TEASE PEOPLE...

GOOD GRIEF.

#9!

YOU'RE NEXT! STEP UP!!

GOT IT, COMING!

Are you doing OK?

I'M FINE.

This won't be too taxing for you?

I'VE BEEN FEELING BETTER, SO I NEEDED SOMETHING TO DO ANYWAY.

I SAID, IT'S FINE.

HEH.

FOR ONE USED TO FIGHTING ALONE, CONVERSELY,

HAVING TO FIGHT AS *TWO* WILL BE THE REAL CHALLENGE.

...WHOSE CONVERSATION ARE YOU RESPONDING TO?

We were having a conversation HERE

WELP, NOTHING FOR IT, hUh!

SHALL WE GO AHEAD AND MAKE A LEGEND TOGETHER!?

AND THEN TAKE A TRIP TOGETHER TO hAWAII!!

...Hawaii?

spring

YEAH,

Let's do that

EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, I LIKE TO SEE YOUR NORMAL SIDE, JUN.

I'm abnormal the rest of the time!?

GREAT TO GET THOSE KIDS FIRED UP FIRST THING IN THE MORNING!

NO WAY YOU'D SEE ME UP AT 4 FOR A GAME OF TAG.

NOW THEN, NOW THEN.

WONDER WHEREABOUTS THOSE GUYS ARE RIGHT NOW...

Ah ha ha ha! DRINKING OUT ON THE PATIO IN FEBRUARY IS A NO-NO, AIN'T IT?

Nod off, and you'll catch your death of cold

ALTHOUGH, STAYING UP ALL NIGHT DRINKING HAPPENS TO BE A SPECIALTY OF MINE.

CAN'T ARGUE WITH THAT.

Waka-yama Sake

Faculty Gathering

first off, Drinking inside a school is a bigger no-no

ONCE I GET THESE SENT OUT TO THE FIELD, A BIT OF SLEEP WOULD BE MORE THAN WELCOME.

know what you mean.

WHILE I'VE BEEN GRADUALLY DRAINING THIS BAD BOY, I'VE MANAGED TO PILE UP AT LEAST 400 OF THESE RICE BALLS.

WELL,

PRETTY IMPRESSIVE, THEM USING HALF AN ENTIRE MOUNTAIN FOR AN ARENA.

SOMEHOW, JUST BEING NEARBY THAT KINDA ATMO-SPHERE, I FEEL LIKE...

...BUT, WELL, Y'KNOW, THAT BRATS' BRAWL OVER THERE IS GETTIN' ME ALL POINTLESSLY WORKED UP.

LAUNCH!

I WON'T BE ABLE TO SLEEP AFTER ALL.

NOW OPENING THE GATE!

YOU DON'T HAVE ANY INTENTION OF FIGHTING WITH YOUR SWORD, DO YOU, BOSS!?!?

Don't worry, it's papier-mâché

WITH THIS INDY BALL.

NOW, COME UPON ME, ALL. I SHALL KNOCK YOU FLAT, ONE AFTER THE OTHER...

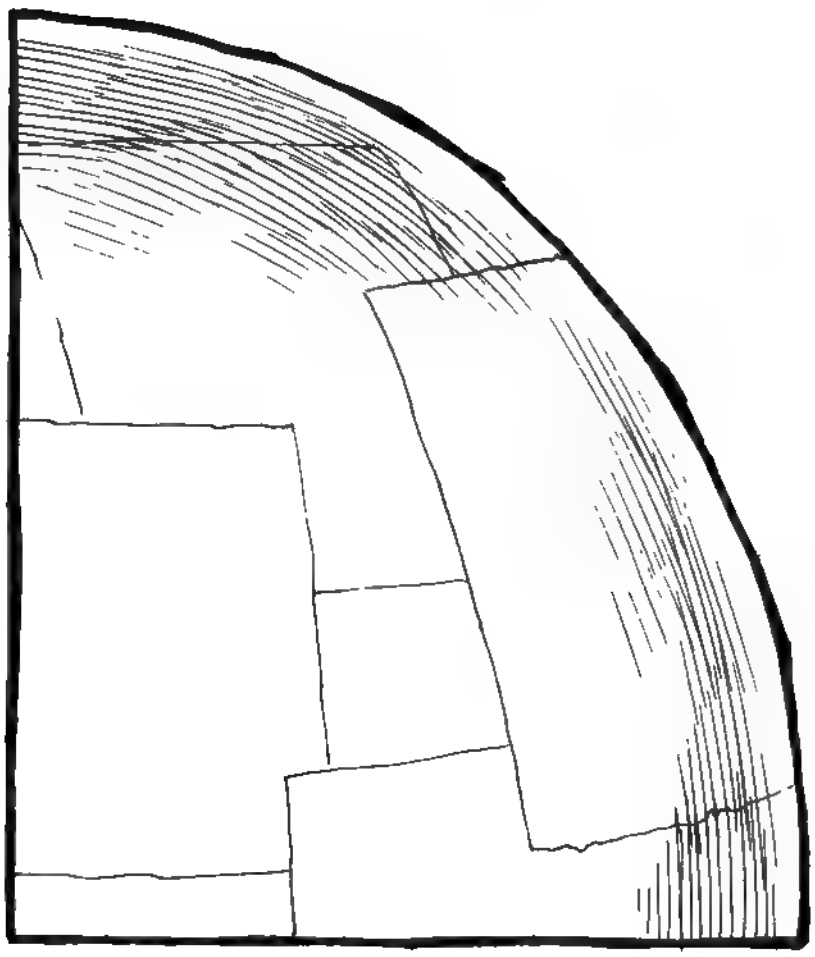
JOOOOOONES

TUMBLE

TUMBLE

◦ THE INDY BALL ◦

- NOT AS HARD AS IT APPEARS
- STILL, FAIRLY SOLID
- PACKS A WALLOP HEAD-ON



Trivia

Title
Reference to "The Morning of My Decision," a single by the Japanese group Aqua Timez.

Page 47
The **Dragon Radar** is a device from the Dragon Ball series, similar in appearance to a submarine's sonar screen.

Page 52
Clear your mind of distracting thoughts...: Hayate slightly misrepresents a celebrated phrase from Japanese history. The Buddhist abbot Kaisen Jouki, condemned to be burned along with his temple, commented that to one who has purified his mind of mundane thoughts, even fire will feel cool. Hayate replaces 火もまた ("even fire") with the similar-sounding 火の元 ("fire hazard").

Page 55
Waihaa is an outdated slang term for Hawaii.

Page 63
UFO!?: Yuuho's name, with the final vowel sound elongated, sounds very similar to the Japanese pronunciation of "UFO".

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The Morning of My Idiotic Decision

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I DON'T DOUBT THIS WILL BE A MOST ENJOYABLE DAY FOR THE STUDENTS.
IDEAL CONDITIONS FOR A HIKE.
THE ENDLESS BLUE SKY.
THE MILD WIND.

LUCK IS ONE COMPONENT OF SKILL.
IT'S FINE.
THERE IS FORTUNE IN THE LEFT-OVERS.
LATE STARTERS ARE AT AN EXTREMELY UNFAIR DIS-ADVANTAGE.
SINCE BEGINNING AT 6, IT'S TAKEN FOUR HOURS FOR ALL COMPETITORS TO ENTER THE FIELD.
LIST-
I've been receiving a lot of complaints
LESSooo
...YES, NO DOUBT.
HOWEVER, IT'S PRESENTLY 10:00 AM.

This Problem DIDn't occur to you at ALL?

Which is to say

#63

Nothing's Gonna Change Idiot World

that's one way to put it, yes

EVERYONE'S FINALLY IN?

Got it.

OOH...

BEEI

BEEP

BEEP

THIS EVENT TURNED OUT WAY MORE LEISURELY THAN I EXPECTED.

I'VE HARDLY ENCOUNTERED ANYBODY AT ALL.

HMPH, KINDA DISAPPOINTING.

WELL, WHATEVER. FOR NOW...

I'LL JUST KEEP CHASING THESE TWO DIFFERENTLY-COLORED DOTS...

MOST OF 'EM PROBABLY START OUT TRYING TO FIND WHOEVER THEY'RE JOINING FORCES WITH,

CAN'T BE HELPED, I GUESS.

AND THEN GO FROM THERE.

STOPPING NOW AND THEN TO CLEAN UP

WHATEVER I HAPPEN TO RUN INTO ON THE WAY.

RIGHT, SENPAIS?

C-RANKED SENPAIS IN THE BLACK JERSEYS.

THERE'S NO WAY YOU'RE D-RANK! THAT WAS TOTALLY A LIE!!

Shut up!

You're the reason they're black!

AND, LIKE, YOU'RE *ANNOYING*! JUST GET OUT OF OUR SIGHT!!

HEH...

MOO-RON! MOO-RON!

HATED YET AGAIN.

WITH THAT SORTA FATE.

stride

I'M JUST SOMEBODY...

THAT'S FINE.

the exact opposite of her.

Hum?

Always destined to be

TRAMP TRAMP

TRAMP TRAMP

...YOU'RE LOST?

.....
.....

RIGHT, SO,

LIKE, WHERE-ABOUTS WOULD I BE RIGHT NOW?

NO LUCK. SHE'S NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.

SEE HER!?

SHE SHOWS UP ON THE MAP, BUT THE POSITION ISN'T VERY PRECISE.

And there's no camera installed around here.

RUSH

RUSH

RUSH

WELL, FORGET IT. IF SHE'S SUCH A CHICKEN, IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM TO LET HER GO.

DANG...

LET'S HURRY AHEAD.

Rgh...

Say whatever you like. Right now I've got my partner to worry about.

Without me around, she's pretty hopeless, so...

Before anything else, I've gotta find Wanko.

Should be round here somewhere.

OOOAHHHH!!!!

There you aaaaare!!! Momoka-saaaaaan!!!

BA-BAISHA

Merely a single person, of D-rank, but,

It was...

I did it!

I took her down...!

I TOLD YOU, WHEN YOU SHOW UP SOMEWHERE, ***PAUSE A BEAT*** FIRST! I'M IN CARDIAC ARREST OVER HERE!!

WANKO! YOU DOOFUS!!

I-

I- INU...

But, I wanted to tell you as quickly as possible...

Ah- Oh! I'm very sorry!

...I won!

I was pretty frantic, but...

3 clean, head-on strikes, without relying on my power at all...

By myself!

...?

"TOOK HER DOWN"...

YOU MEAN YOU TOOK HER DOWN TO HELL...?

No, no, not that!

You'd better hurry up and bring her back...

Yes!

.....
.....

THAT SO...

...All right!

Momoka-san?

Huh ?

Eh...

TREAD

TREAD

TREAD

Leaving already?

...

RISE

Yes?

WANKO... Y'SEE...

MY BACK'S THERE FOR YOU TO LEAN ON; THAT DON'T MAKE YOU NO BURDEN.

SORRY 'BOUT THAT.

PRETTY CRUMMY OF ME, TREATING YOU LIKE BAGGAGE OR SOMETHING.

?

?

Ah

Thank you

I see...

?

I WAS THINKING TO MYSELF LIKE I WAS OUT TO SAVE YOU OR SOMETHING,

FOR SOME REASON OR OTHER...

LIKE PLAYING SOME KINDA HERO.

SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE REALLY THE COOL ONE HERE, HUH?

Right then... off we go!

Coo coo coo!

Co... o!?

IT MUST BE FATE THAT I RUN INTO THE ONE MOST UNWELCOME IDIOT OF THEM ALL.

OUT OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN THIS MASSIVE BATTLE-GROUND...

BEEN A WHILE.
...KIRIYA
OUKA...!!!
...!
TEN
SET
DON'T FORGET HER PARTNER,
slip
MOMO-CHAN.
!!
...YOU TOO, RIO-NEE!?
DON'T TELL ME... YOU'RE HERE TO FIGHT US...?
da-daaaaa
DON'T WORRY!!
ALL-BLACK RIONA IS NO THREAT AT ALL!!!
YOU'RE ALREADY DONE FOR!!?
THE DESCENT

YOU'RE NOT WRONG, BUT COULDYA KEEP QUIET A SEC, WANKO?

You're making things more complicated!

EH? NO... WELL, IT IS, BUT...

What a relief, Momoka-san...!

GLEEEEAM

You won't have to fight against your childhood friend Riona-san!

She's been disqual-ified!

You ain't in no position to be acting all supe-rior!!

You're barely clinging to life yourself there!!!

Just like a Panda, isn't it!

1 Strike from Disqualification

REALLY, WHAT AN IRRE-DEEMABLY USELESS PARTNER I HAVE.

HONESTLY I'D PREFER TO JUST BE RID OF HER, HERE AND NOW.

that's harsh!!

...SINCE THE TIME RIONA AND I JOINED UP HERE IN THE FIELD,

SHE'S BEEN COMING OUT WITH NOTHING BUT THE DULLEST JOKES, AND I'VE HAD TO DO *TSUKKOMI* FOR THEM.

THEN SHE WOULD COME BACK WITH ANOTHER JOKE,

SO I HAD TO DO ANOTHER *TSUKKOMI*.

...AND SHE WOULD COME BACK WITH ***ANOTHER*** ONE.

Get Youuuu

...LET ME JUST TELL YOU,

IF YOU THINK WE ENDED UP LIKE THIS FROM A DUEL, YOU'RE FAR TOO NAIVE.

WHAT'S THAT!?

DON'T USE YOUR SWORD TO DO TSUKKOMI, YOU STUPID MORON!!!

SWACK

OUCH!

...UNTIL, WE ENDED UP IN THIS STATE.

FRANKLY, I'M WORN OUT...

Sigh...

PAINS ME TO SAY IT, BUT I WISH SOMEBODY WOULD JUST FINISH ME OFF.

.....
.....
.....

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

EXIT STAGE LEFT

LADIES AND GEN-TLEMEN,

STOMP STOMP STOMP

Please calm down

Momoka-san,

I CAN'T DEAL WITH YOU PEOPLE!!

FSH HYOO FSH FSH FSH FSH HYOO HYOOOH

CUT IT OUT! QUIT USING THESE WEIRD TRICKS!!

HYOO HYOO

HOLD UP! YOU FIGHT DIRTY!!

ERGH...

SH

Hah Hah Hah

FSH

FSH

U U U U U U

WHAT *IS* THIS!!?

SYARCH !!!

FOOM...

Hmph!

...USING TRICKS?

I WOULDN'T DREAM OF IT.

THWACK

...Hope I can meet up with Michi pretty soon.

whew.

It's been rough having our start times so far apart...

BWACK

EYOWCH!!!

WHAAAA!!!

I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING AT ALL.

THAT'S JUST THE SORT OF PLACE THIS IS.

Sorry

Ack!

THE SPIRITS ARE SIMPLY LENDING ME THEIR POWER OF THEIR OWN ACCORD.

THEY'RE LETTING ME USE IT! THE NUNCHAKU!!

LOOK, LOOK, CHECK IT OUT! IT'S GREAT, KIJICCHAN!

MICHI...

THAT WAS ACTUALLY ALLOWED !!?

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING!? DON'T "WHAM" YOUR ALLY!

YOU... HEY...

THAT HURT!

IN ONE SHOT, YOU JUST WIPED OUT A THIRD OF MY LIFESPAN!!

SEE, THESE CLOTHES HERE, THEY REPRESENT MY LIFE RIGHT NOW!

THIS ISN'T SOMETHING TO LAUGH ABOUT! LOOK HERE, MICHI...

I'm speaking to you!

ALL RIGHT, I GET IT, I GET IT!

AGHHHH !!!

—HM? ...WAIT, THAT MEANS...

GLORY

WOOSH

Ah hA hA hA hA! YOU'RE A REVERSE PANDA, KIJICCHAN!

I'M NOT MARIO!!

EAT THIS, AND YOU'LL GAIN ONE LIFE.

HERE!

SOY

ALSO, IF I ATE THAT, I THINK I'D HAVE THE "RESET" BUTTON PUSHED ON MY LIFE!!!

QUITE COMICAL.
Half of it, anyway.
WHEW...
I'D EXPECT NO LESS OF THE COMICAL QUARTET.
Quartet?
...Ahh, the little one's friends?
Right, right, them
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO FUSSY ABOUT EVERY LITTLE DETAIL, KIJICCHAN.
AS LONG AS YOU DON'T GET HIT TWO MORE TIMES, IT'S FINE, RIGHT?
IT'S NOT FINE AT ALL, THOUGH!? WHAT ABOUT THE DAMAGE TO MY HEART!?
BUT FOR THE TIME BEING, I'LL LEAVE THE LOWER RANKS ALONE.
HOW'S IT LOOKING OVER THERE, YUUHO?
...NOT. IF I RUN INTO THEM AGAIN, I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.
IT'S AGAINST MY CODE TO CUT DOWN THE YOUNG SHOOTS.
Wouldn't mind having a go.
No no no,
surely not
ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE THEM DOWN? THOSE GIRLS...
tap
tap
tap
Mewww

SHE'S HEADED RIGHT FOR THE TARGET, MOVING INTENTLY STRAIGHT AHEAD.

I read you.

AYANA, RIGHT?

But...

clack

clack-clack

whoosh

Well, even just looking at the screen... How to say it...

Her rate of forward progress is abnormally fast.

BUT...

WHAT? WHAT'S UP?

BA-BUACK

She *is* coming into contact with other students... and whoever attempts to engage her, sure enough, is getting knocked out, yet...

Let's take her out!

She's alone!

!

Gasp

Her pace never stops, or even slows at all.

WHISH

MARCH

MARCH

MARCH

MARCH

OR, YOU MIGHT RATHER SAY. RIGHT NOW AYANA HER-SELF IS A TANK.

Ah ha ha ha! Well said, indeed!

I can't track her on the cameras, so I have no idea what's going on down there...

What?... Is Ayana riding on a *tank*...?

Huh?

BAM

"OOF"

BA-

Yo, hold u—

No way II wai-

thwack

BAM

THERE ARE ONE OR TWO RATHER ODD ONES...

WHAT'S UP, BOSS?

THEY'RE MOVING WITH PECULIAR RAPIDITY.

HMPH...

ONE IS ADVANCING, UNIMPEDED, STRAIGHT THROUGH THE MIDST OF MY SNARE-FIELD...

You! Over there!!

Hey! You!

PIT

MARCH

Help me out of here!

MARCH

MARCH

NET

PIT

No waaaay!

You're not supposed to be able to get out of these!

BURST

That's what you get for not helping us!

Ha, ha! Hoooo-ron! Take that!

clatter

...

TOM

!

PIT

PH

WHEREVER THE TARGET MOVES, THE SHORTEST ROUTE IS ALWAYS DEAD STRAIGHT AHEAD...

THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE DISTANCE...

.....
.....

QUAKE

DEMON!?

IS THAT WHAT THIS IS? A DEMON!!?

Also, like, look at your own terminal, Kurogane-dono!

A DEMON IS COMING!!!

AIEEEEEEE!

DEMON THOUGH SHE MAY BE, SHE WON'T FIND IT SO EASY TO PROGRESS!

ROLL

TRAP AFTER TRAP, IN SUCCESSION, AWAITS HER!

WITH WHATEVER LIFE REMAINS TO US, WE MUST RUN, BOSS!!

RUN AWAY!!

CALM YOURSELF, KUROGANE-DONO!

OF COURSE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO STAY IN CONSTANT MOTION, BUT...

God!!

You there! Run!

WHUMP
FOR-
WARD!!!
...
...RETREAT
...!?!?
LIVE
HAAAAAA
Yikes!
WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT PERSON DOING....
For some reason, the only picture I can get is of this big rolling ball...
Playing around!?
HUHHH!?
Now she's started moving in the exact opposite direction at incredible speed.
...Hm?

AM I RIGHT IN TAKING THIS "DEMON" TO BE YOUR SHINYUU?

YESSUM!?

...KUROGANE-DONO.

OK.

THAT PUSHED HER A CONSIDERABLE WAYS DOWN THE SLOPE.

No longer visible with the naked eye

THAT SHOULD BUY US SOME TIME.

...

LET US GO. THERE IS YET ANOTHER WHO APPROACHES.

A MERE DEMON WOULD NOT WEIGH SO HEAVILY ON YOUR MIND.

...

...

I REALLY CAN'T HIDE A THING FROM YOU, CAN I, BOSS...?

shift

shift

OUR VISITOR JUST NOW CAME TO CALL ON YOU, BUT,

SHE WHO COMES TO CALL ON ME, TRAPS ALONE WILL NOT HOLD BACK.

You've got one, right?

...

Would you please just use the GPS terminal?

It's this way.

Let's hurry, Mei.

...

tomorr-

For the present moment, why don't we simply bide

Taking out these weak little rabbits one after another is invigorating enough,

But this pace is a tad quick for my liking.

Ph

PIT

Ugh

I'm tired.

...Eh, what-ever. Go on without me.

Turn

Under-stood.

Go ahead and play however you like.

As the contest wears on, only the more challenging prey will be left in the field.

ONE-BY-ONE, ELIMINATED COMPETITORS COME TRICKLING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN.

WE'VE REACHED A FINE STAGE IN THE PRO-CEEDINGS.

YANAGI-SAN'S TRAPS SEEM TO VEER PERILOUSLY CLOSE TO ILLEGALITY, BUT,

Where there's a will there's a way, no?

THAT, TOO, IS SPLENDIDLY APPOINTED IN ITS OWN WAY.

THE SECOND REASON'S THE REAL ONE, RIGHT?

AND IT'S A BIT LIKE AN EPISODE OF *TAKESHI'S CASTLE*, SO IT'S ENTERTAINING.

AFTER ALL, NO TRUE SWORDBEARER SHOULD PERMIT MERE SNARES TO THWART HER PURSUIT.

hyuuuuuuh

ba wump wump wump wump

waugh!

eeeek!

...

I'VE CONSIDERED THE MATTER THOROUGHLY.

I BELIEVE WE NEED TO RAISE THE GENERAL LEVEL OF VIGILANCE AMONG THE STUDENTS.

IT IS TIME FOR THE STUDENT COUNCIL—

Wake UP dipstick

Grrr

THE INTER-CEPTORS— TO TAKE THE STAGE.

Hmmm... Satisfyyyy...

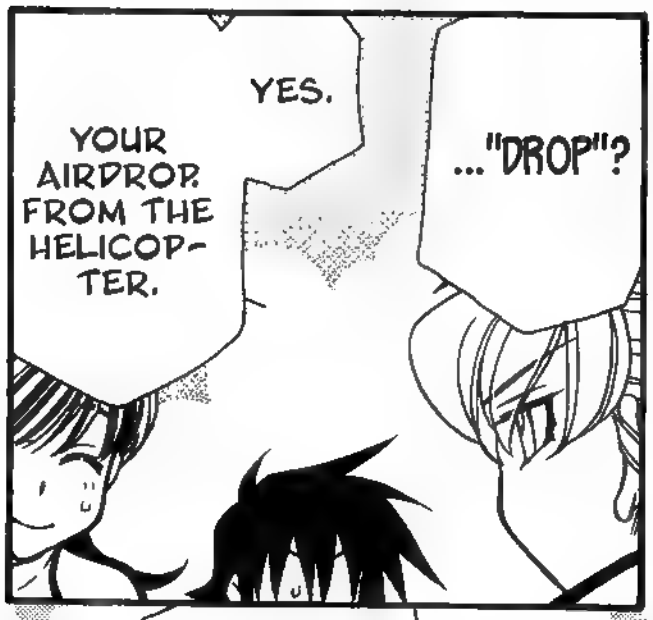
Wakkii Booth

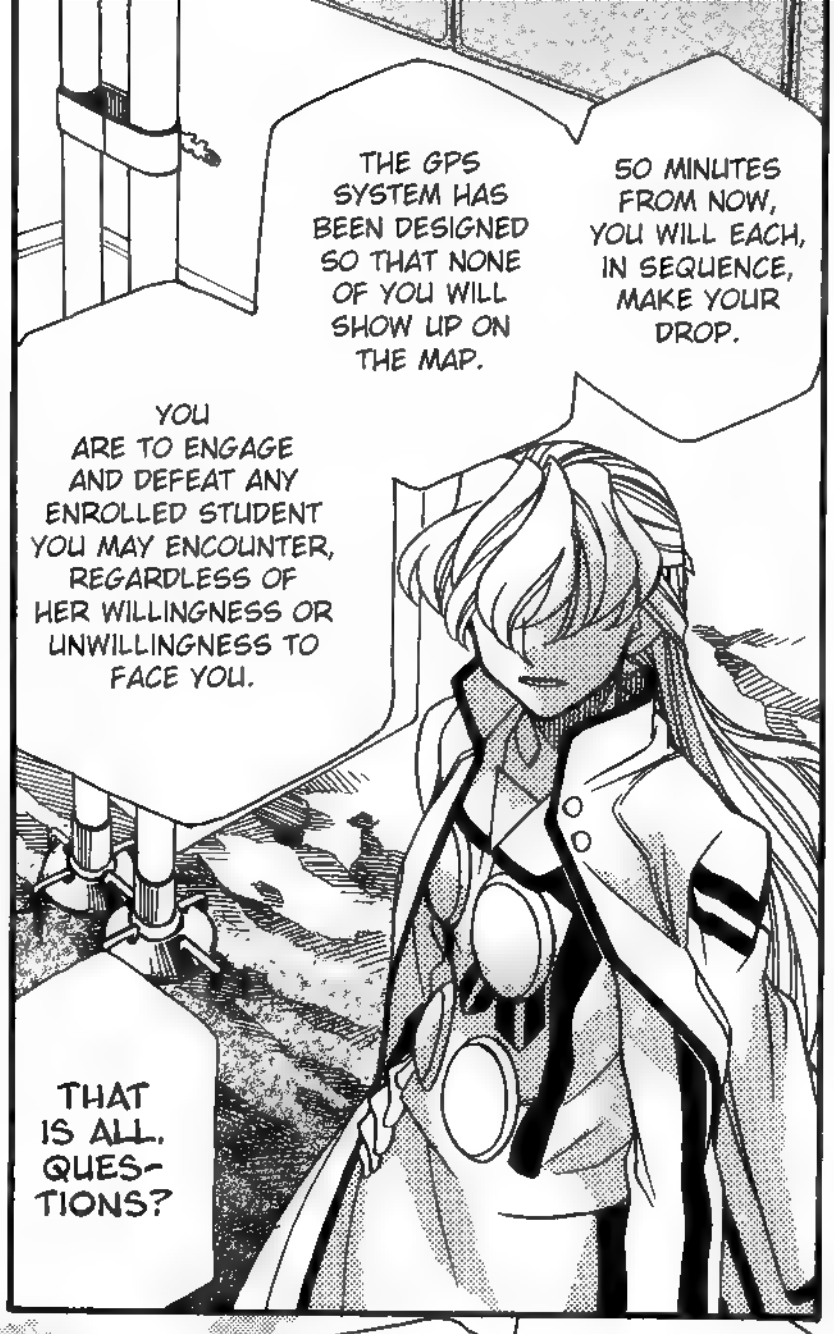
YES MA'AM!!

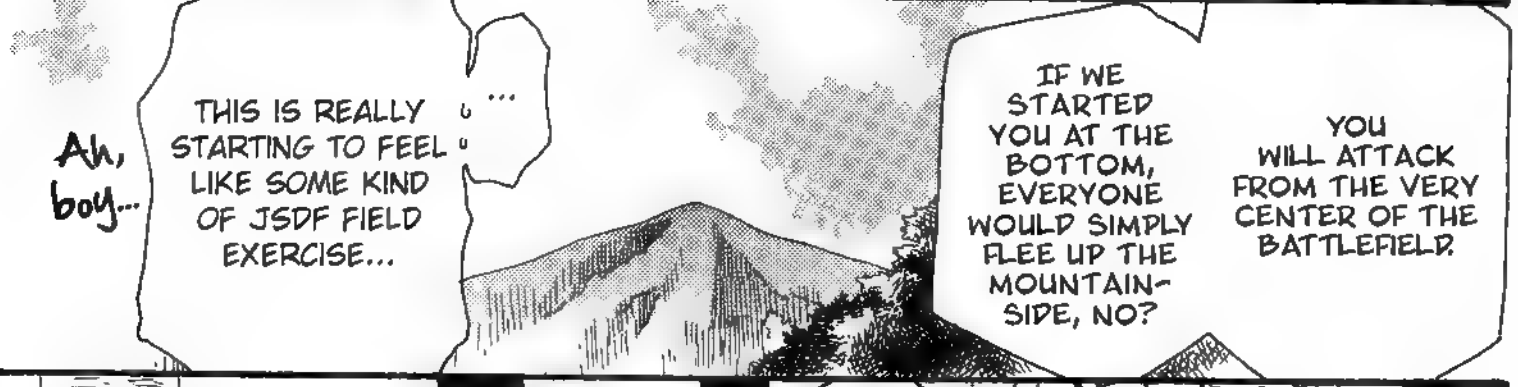
TATE-WAKI.

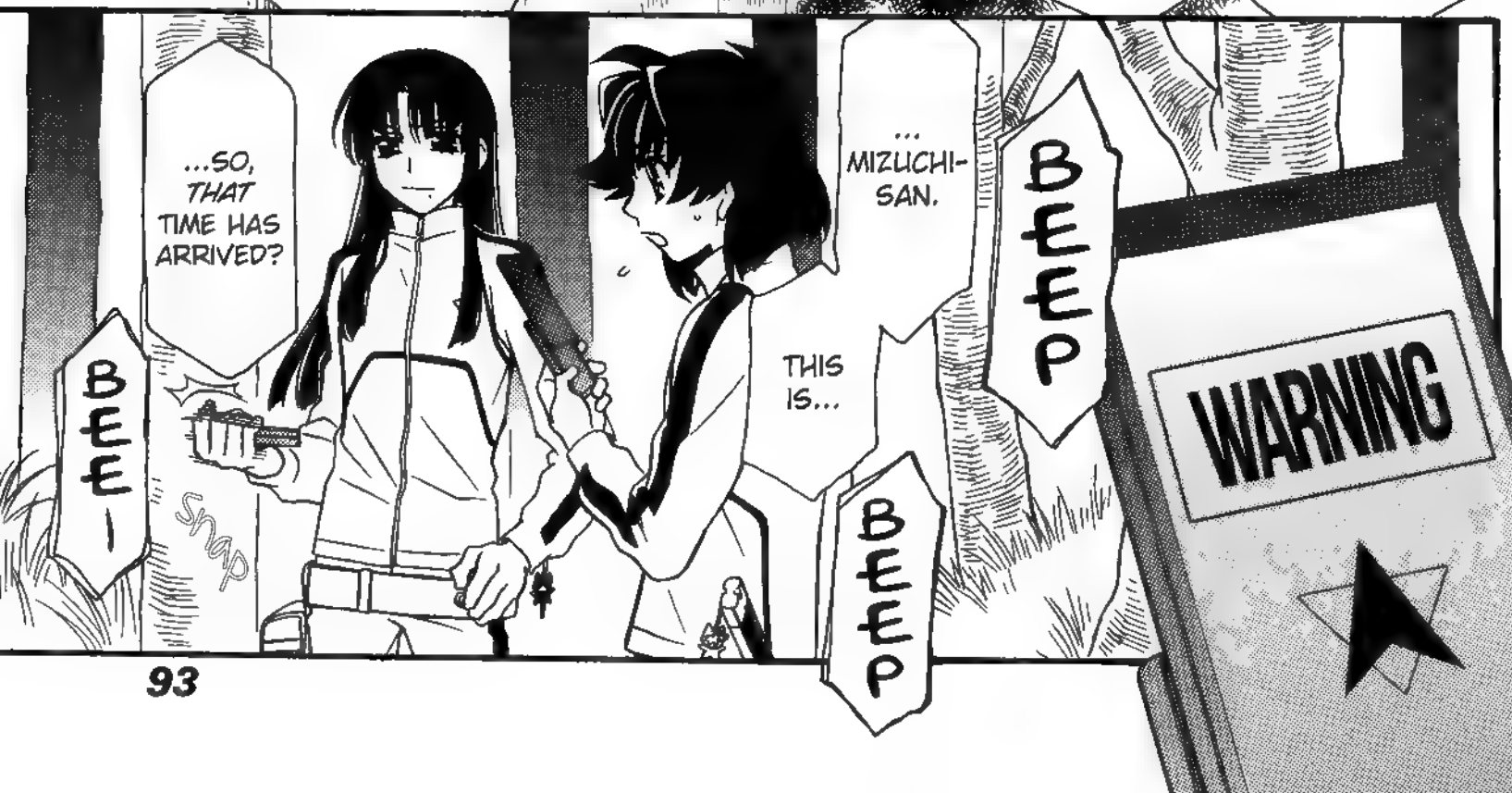
PLEASE TRANSMIT AN ADVISORY TO ALL ACTIVE COMPETITORS.

40 MINUTES FROM NOW, THE STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL DEPART.


YES.
YOUR AIRDROP FROM THE HELICOP-TER.
..."DROP"?


50 MINUTES FROM NOW, YOU WILL EACH, IN SEQUENCE, MAKE YOUR DROP.
THE GPS SYSTEM HAS BEEN DESIGNED SO THAT NONE OF YOU WILL SHOW UP ON THE MAP.
YOU ARE TO ENGAGE AND DEFEAT ANY ENROLLED STUDENT YOU MAY ENCOUNTER, REGARDLESS OF HER WILLINGNESS OR UNWILLINGNESS TO FACE YOU.
THAT IS ALL. QUES-TIONS?


Ah, boy...
THIS IS REALLY STARTING TO FEEL LIKE SOME KIND OF JSDF FIELD EXERCISE...
...
IF WE STARTED YOU AT THE BOTTOM, EVERYONE WOULD SIMPLY FLEE UP THE MOUNTAIN-SIDE, NO?
YOU WILL ATTACK FROM THE VERY CENTER OF THE BATTLEFIELD.


BEE-
...SO, THAT TIME HAS ARRIVED?
Snap
...MIZUCHI-SAN.
THIS IS...
BEEP
BEEP
WARNING

Senpai...
...our only option is to just go for broke, huh?
Seems to be doing pretty well, but...
Sigh..
L
...NOTHING ELSE FOR IT! IF WE RUN INTO ONE OF THEM...
LOOKS LIKE SIMPLY CIRCUMVENTING THEM WON'T BE AN OPTION.
RATHER HARD ON US, MAKING THE WHITESHIRTS' POSITIONS IMPOSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN...
Ahhh, it makes me anxious...
Since it's her, something like this would, conversely, be...
Eh?
MOST WARMLY WELCOMED!!!
ba-ban

EH
HEY, LOOK! LOOK AT THIS!
THEY'RE COMING! THE STUDENT COUNCIL!!
WOW...
WHAT'S MORE, THEY'RE FIGHTING WITHOUT ANY RESTRICTIONS!!!
EHH...?
...WOW, THAT'S GREAT! THOUGH IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME, SINCE YOU JUST KNOCKED ME OUT OF THE EVENT.
I ALMOST WANT TO GO SEARCH FOR THEM MYSELF...
TO THINK, I CAN CROSS BLADES WITH THE VERY HIGHEST RANK...
ba-thump
ba-thump
ba-thump
AHHH, THIS DAY HAS REALLY TURNED OUT TO BE...
Yeeh-oooh!
SO MUCH FUN!!!
ISN'T THIS FUN, KUREA!!?
THIS IS A GREAT LITTLE OUT-OF-THE-WAY SPOT! PLENTY OF SUPERBIG FISH!!
MINO-RI...
FLOP. FLOP. FLOP.
FLOP
FISH ARE GREAT AND ALL, BUT NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR THAT.
WHUM
WHUM
WHUM
WE'VE JUST LOST THE LUXURY OF IDLING ABOUT.
THEY ARE COMING.

WHUP WHUP WHUP WHUP WHUP WHUP

AKIRA AND THE OTHERS WON'T BE SHOWING ANY MERCY.

EVEN IF THEY'RE GOING UP AGAINST ACQUAINTANCES WHO, SAY, HAPPEN TO BE FORMER WHITESHIRTS...

AHACHI

IS THAT RIGHT...?

HM...?

EH...

'CAUSE, IT'S KUREA'S BIRTHDAY, AFTER ALL!

LEAVE IT TO ME! I GOT NO INTENTION OF LOSING!

Nwa ha ha!

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And what kind would that be

SHOW ME A BEAUTIFUL AMBUSH WORTHY OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL'S NAME.

WHUP WHUP WHUP WHUP

NOW, GODSPEED, EVERYONE.

WHUP

GUESS FULL PARTICIPATION FROM *ALL* THE WHITESHIRTS WAS TOO MUCH TO ASK.

...IN THE END, YOU'RE WATCHING THIS ONE FROM THE BLEACHERS, HUH?

WHUP WHUP

WHUP

MAY DISAPPOINT A FEW PEOPLE OUT THERE.

WHUP

HEY, QUES-TION!

KINDA SEEMING WE GOT ENOUGH FORCE HERE TO WIPE OUT EVERY LAST ONE OF THE ENROLLED STUDENTS, SO...

WHUP

What happens if we do?

WHUP

IN THAT SITUATION, YOU WOULD CONTEND AMONG YOURSELVES FOR THE FINAL STAR.

WHUP

...WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, AKIRA ...?

TO THINK... TWO HIGH-SCHOOLERS, ALONE TOGETHER, ON A TRIP TO HAWAII...

....

I DON'T RECALL ANYBODY TAKING THAT STAR ALREADY...

WHUP

What are those eyes supposed to mean?

clench

HOW DID HAWAII BECOME THE ONLY CHOICE? AND WHEN DID IT TURN INTO A TRIP FOR TWO?

WHUP

IT'S A PITY, BUT I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE THIS ONE TO SHIZUKU.

IT CAN'T BE HELPED. I HAVE MY OWN DUTY TO FULFILL.

WHUP

Anything's fine at this point, please just hurry up and get this over with so we can return the company helicopter

FUCK!

NO WAY CAN THAT IRON GOLDFISH FLY THROUGH THE SKY!

HOW DID THINGS GET THIS CHAOTIC WHILE I WAS ASLEEP...!?

LET'S GO.

YEAH.

WHUP

WHPWHPWHPWHPWHPWHP

WHIP WHIP WHIP WHIP WHIP

WHIP WHIP WHIP WHIP WHIP

VWOOOO

NOW THEN...

...

HAVE ADJUSTMENTS OF MY OWN TO MAKE.

I, TOO...

YOU LOOKING DOWN ON MEEEEE ...?

Crawl

BREAK

THINKING THIS OVER REASONABLY...

Rage Level Doubled

Whyyy!?

YOU SOME KIND OF MORON OR WHAT...?

Gyahhh! Mudou-sannn!

WHAT THE HELL IS UP WITH THESE TRAPS...?

MOMENTARY DETERMINATION

MIDDLE SCHOOL, YEAR 2, CLASS F

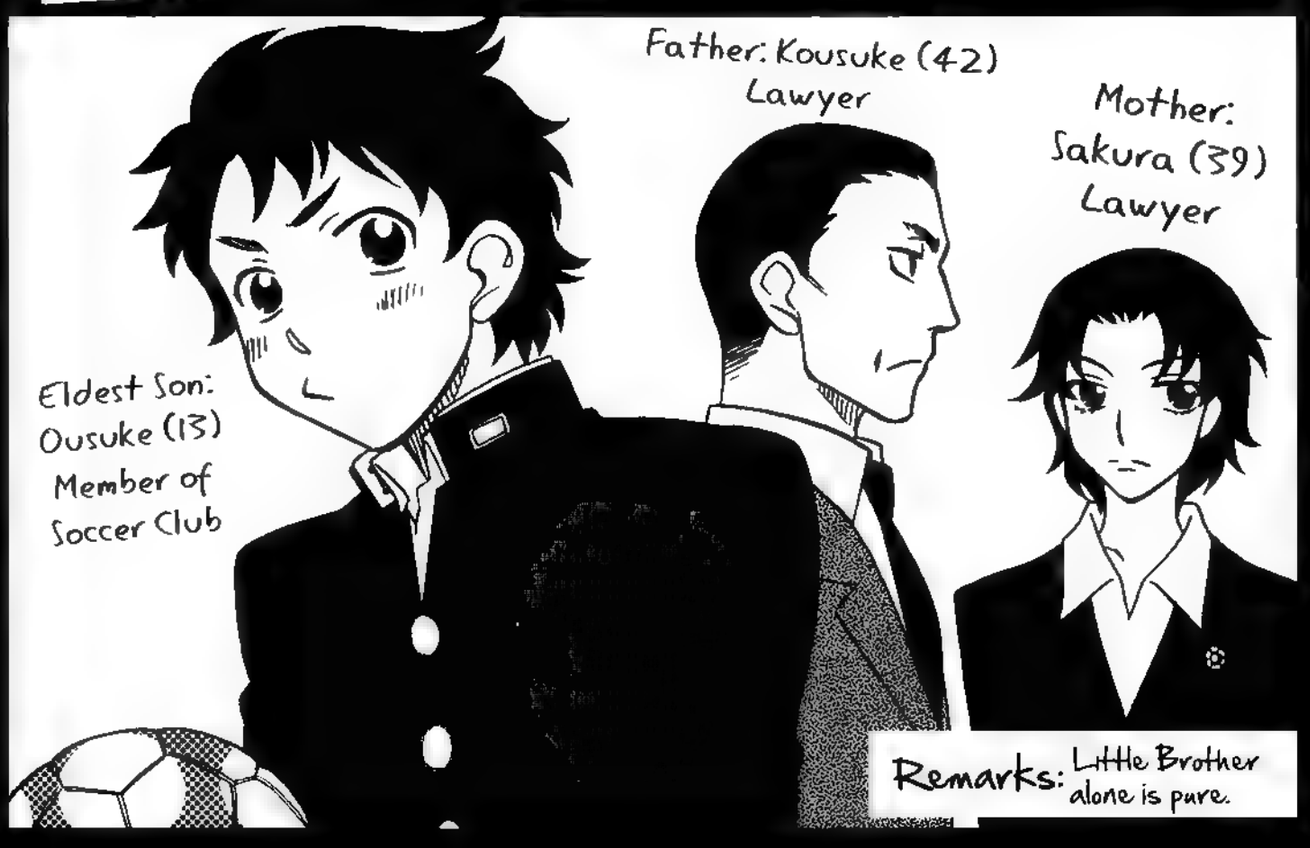
Swordbearer Family Survey

TAKARADA RIONA

MIDDLE SCHOOL, YEAR 2, CLASS B

Swordbearer Family Survey

KIRIYA OUKA



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STARTING TODAY, YOU TWO ARE OFFICIALLY MEMBERS OF THE KUROGANE HOUSE.

drip

drip

OK NOW, SQUIR-TELLES.

#64

Do You Remember Idiots?

IT'S ABOUT THE ONLY THING I'M QUALIFIED TO TEACH YOU, HONESTLY...

Really though, you sure are tiny

Aren't first-graders a little bigger than this?

BASICALLY, WELL, SUPPOSE YOU COULD CALL KENDO SOMETHING LIKE OUR FAMILY TRADEMARK.

LET'S TAKE OUR GOOD OL' TIME BECOMING A FAMILY THROUGH THE SWORD.

I see. So I'm Mommy.

MAMAHA

MOMMY!?

TOGETH-ER WITH NAGARE-CHAN—

...AH, GUESS I SHOULD SAY, WITH MOMMY...

FIRST THING'S TO STAND UP NICE AND STRAIGHT AND TAKE A NICE, SOLID SWING.

IF YOU FIND YOU DON'T LIKE IT, FEEL FREE TO QUIT ANY TIME.

#64

Do You Remember Idiots?

vault

!

SKID

BOSS!!

URGH!

BAM

HIII-
YAH!!!

EEEK!

thwack

ON

IT!!

WHOOSH

WH-

Ohhh...

BWOON

Ohh...

POP

..SSHHHH

bwing

bwing

AWE-SHOME!

YEH...

"Whoooosh", it went!

AWE-SHOME...

HEY, HAYATE, THAT SOUND JUST NOW...

Ohhhh!

whoosh

Ohhh...

whoosh

Ohh...

whoosh

whsh

STAY NOT YOUR FEET! TO BE ENCIRCLED BY GREATER NUMBERS WOULD BE TROUBLE-SOME!

DASH DASH

EYYES'M!!

KURO-GANE-DONO!

ohhhh...

...

Y-YESH'M!!

WHUP WHUP WHUP WHUP WHUP

RUN!!

THE WHITESHIRTS ENTERING THE FRAY SHOULD SCATTER THE RANKS A BIT, BUT WE MUSTN'T BE CARELESS!

.....
.....

whoosh

whish

whum

whoosh

Just a Little bit...

...

WHOOSH

J-

JUST A BIT MORE!

WHISH

...JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER.

WHOOSH

...With that "just a bit longer"...

What was she hoping she could do?

GROWLLLL

MOM SAID TO COME INSIDE ALREADY.

HAYATE...

WHOOSH

WHISH

Yo...

HAYA-TE...!

WHISH

Y-

Pant

slither

Pant

YEAh!

...She would get so wrapped up in swinging this thing, she'd forget to eat.

'Cause she was an idiot.

GROWLLLLL

HAVING US RUNNING ALL AROUND THIS MOUNTAIN WITH NO FOOD...

What is this, a penalty game?

...COME TO THINK OF IT, I'M HUNGRY.

GOOO

Stayed true to her idiot self.

Hoo-eeyyy

And, even now, she's still...

BOOM

SSHHH

THE WHITE-SHIRTS...

SEEMS NOT. WHAT ARE THOSE? FIREWORKS?

Those Parachutes are

BEEEEP

BEEEEP

POW

POW

POW

POW

WHOA...

FOR REAL...?

FOOD DROP

.....
.....

FOR NOW, LET'S GET THAT ENERGY REPLENISHED...

WELL, WHATEVER. I'M SAVED.

DASH

WITH GRATITUDE AND RESPECT IN YOUR HEART, PLEASE EAT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE."

"STUDENTS ARE ASSURED THAT BOTH PARACHUTES AND PACKAGING ARE MADE FROM 100% BIODEGRADABLE MATERIAL.

HUMMM... WHAT'S THIS...

old man

Sorry for troubling you with this,

...HMPH... RIGHT.

BOW

BOW

There's nothing a fireworks master can't launch sky-high!

Leave it to me

Means of Distribution

wa
tush
!!!
bish
GRG
GRG
.....
!
This one...
...AH, BOY.
NOT WHO I WANT TO BE DEALING WITH ON AN EMPTY STOMACH.
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP

NOOOOO WAYYYYY!!!
THIS IS FUCKING SUICIDE!!!
NOBODY FLIES THROUGH THE SKY ON AN UMBRELLA EXCEPT MARY POPPINS!!
ON ONE OF THOSE TISSUE-PAPER-LOOKING UMBRELLAS...
WHUP
NOISY...
SHUT UP...
YEAH...
HEY, NANCY, WHAT'S THE DEAL HERE!? THIS CRAZY-MAD GROOVE!!
YOU TELLING ME WE'RE GOING DOWN ON ONE OF THOSE TOO!?
US TOO!!?
PO
W!
DON'T SCREW WITH ME!! THIS SHIT IS WAY TOO HYPED-UP!!
GET YOUR ASS OUT THERE.
OWAAHHHHHHH
thump

NOT GOOD... LOOKS LIKE THE AIRDROPS HAVE STARTED.

IS THAT THE WHITESHIRTS' CHOPPER?

WHUP WHUP WHUP WHUP

OH...?

GET CAUGHT BY ONE OF THEM, AND YOUR CHANCE OF WINNING'S ABOUT NIL...

Huh, Michi?

YOU'RE HOLDING US UP, HERE!

COME ON! MAKE YOUR DROP AND GIVE US THE WIRE BACK!

WHUP WHUP WHUP WHUP WHUP

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM SUCH DANGEROUS BEHAVIOR...

...TONAMI-SAN,

EEAOUGHH

GOOD GRIEF, YOU EASY-GOING TYPES ARE REALLY JUST...

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE RICE BALLS!!

THE RICE HAS BEEN COOKED AND MOULDED EXQUISITELY.

Here, Ki,icchan, you have one too.

CHEW

CHEW

NOT GOOD? I BEG TO DIFFER. 'SGOT THAT TRUE CRAFTMAN'S FLAVOR.

CAME RIGHT OUT AND SAID IT, HUH!!

WHATEVER HAPPENS, SO LONG AS I GET TO EAT RICE, I'M HAPPY!

GR

This one's probably got okaka!!

WELL, NOT LIKE THINKING'LL HELP ANY, RIGHT!?!?

RR!

THEY MAY BE THE WHITESHIRTS, BUT MINUS THE PRESIDENT, IT'S JUST 5 PEOPLE.

AND IF THEY'RE SPLIT UP AND SCATTERED ALL AROUND, I'M SURE WE'LL MAKE DO SOMEHOW.

IN THE *FIRST* PLACE, YOU KNOW,

THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM THE ORDINARY HOSHITORI, SO THERE'S NO REASON TO GET ALL IMPATIENT WITH ME.

ZOCK

ZOCK

Ah, this really is good

ZOCK

ZOCK

THERE'S NO "HEAVEN SWORD" AND "EARTH SWORD" HERE.

EVEN IF YOU'RE USELESS, I CAN STILL TAKE DOWN THE ENEMY ON MY OWN.

Grr...

WELL, IF YOU'RE SCARED, FEEL FREE TO HIDE BEHIND ME!

HEH...

AND YOU, DON'T FORCE YOURSELF. GET BEHIND *ME*.

Just leave everything to your shinyuu.

The way you always do.

Boooo!!

WHAT'S WITH THAT CONDE-SCENDING ATTITUDE!

PRETTY HIGH AND MIGHTY FOR A REVERSE PANDA!!

RGH...

YOU'RE THE REASON I LOOK LIKE THIS, YOU KNOW!!?

You "whammed" me!

"Whammed" me right in the back with a nunchaku!

CRUNCH

Oogh...

GOOD... ID...

A PRETTY—

IF ONE OF THE WHITESHIRTS SHOWS UP, *NEITHER* OF US'LL HELP THE OTHER, OK!?!?

FINE! FINE, THEN!

SURE, SURE, FINE BY ME! SOUNDS LIKE

YOU TWO. DON'T MOVE AN INCH.

AH, WELL. "DO OR DIE."

huff

.....
.....

GOD DAMN IT... RIGHT OFF THE BAT, EH...?

YEAH!

BY OUR COMBINED SWORDS, WE'LL GET THROUGH THIS!

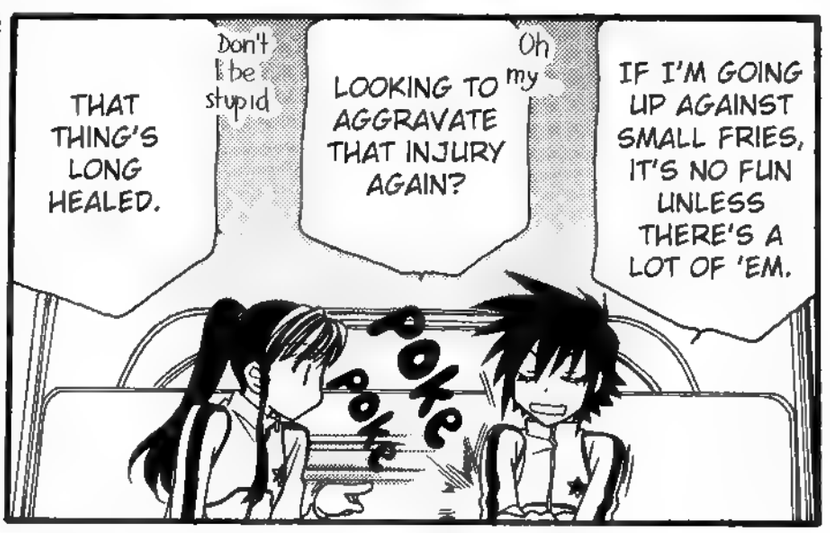
...ALL RIGHT!

LET'S GIVE THIS OUR ALL, KIJICCHAN!

CLENCH

WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
YES?
COULDYA SET ME DOWN IN AS DENSELY-CROWDED AN AREA AS POSSIBLE?
MIYA-MOTO.

I'VE BEEN SIDELINED FOR QUITE A WHILE, BUT STARTING TODAY—
JUST PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON MY REHAB.


THAT THING'S LONG HEALED.
Don't be stupid
LOOKING TO AGGRAVATE THAT INJURY AGAIN?
Oh my
IF I'M GOING UP AGAINST SMALL FRIES, IT'S NO FUN UNLESS THERE'S A LOT OF 'EM.
POKE
POKE

...SURE SEEM DISAP-POINTED...
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
SO IT'S FULLY HEALED, IS IT...?
AHH...
BY NO MEANS, DON'T BE ABSURD.

MARCH IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.
...WELL, I SUPPOSE WE'D BE IN TROUBLE IF IT WEREN'T.

CHECK-UP.
...WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SAE?
...
...
This thing...
...into here...
TRYING TO CRACK A FEW RIBS, MORE LIKE.

RUSTLE
OHH, MADAM PRESIDENT.
FINE WORK INDEED, KUROGANE-SAN.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
WE JUST SENT UP THE LAST OF 'EM.
AMAGIRI
WHUP WHUP WHUP WHUP...
HUH?
WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WITH THAT SIGNIFICANT TONE?
NO, NO, IT'S NOTHING.
AH! MY TURN! INORI SAE, NOW ENTERING THE FIELD...!
Thank you kindly for your assistance, Ken-san
No problem at all, Hitsugi-Ojou-chan!
WE'VE JUST BEGUN DEPLOYING THE S-RANK STUDENTS, AS WELL.
I DON'T DOUBT THIS WILL PLUNGE THE BATTLE-GROUND INTO YET FURTHER CHAOS.
Thanks a bunch!
WA HA HA HA! GREAT, GREAT! SOUNDS LIKE A BLAST!
Ha ha
SUPPOSE THAT'S ABOUT RIGHT.
THOUGH I CANNOT VOUCH FOR WHAT MAY BE YET TO COME.
BOTH ARE STILL ALIVE AND KICKING.
But of course,
HOW THEY DOING? MY TWO SQUIRTS.

FAITHFUL WORDS INDEED.

YOU'RE SAYING?

FAILURE, TOO, IS MERELY SUSTENANCE FOR GROWTH...

I WILL DO MY BEST TO REMEMBER IT.

THOUGH, FOR ONE SUCH AS MYSELF, WHO HAS NEVER ONCE IN HER LIFE EXPERIENCED FAILURE, A SENTENCE MOST DIFFICULT TO GRASP.

SECOND-HAND KNOWLEDGE FROM MY HUSBAND.

I'M JUST LIKE YOU. EATEN SOME DIRT IN MY TIME, BUT NEVER LOST ONCE.

Perhaps you might like to have a go at me yourself?

Uh hu hu

My, that does sound like fun.

NUDGE NUDGE

BUT, WELL, NOT THE WORST THING TO FALL DOWN ONCE IN A WHILE.

SOMETIMES YOU CAN'T GROW 'LESS YOU KNOW HOW TALL Y'ARE NOW.

...WHETHER TO TREAT IT AS A DEFEAT,

OR MERELY AS A TEMPORARY SETBACK—

THAT, I FEEL, IS THE CRUX.

THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE DIRECTED ME HERE.

I had meant to wait for your conversation to finish.

AH, EXCUSE ME FOR JUST JUMPING IN LIKE THAT.

IT'S NO PROBLEM AT ALL. I MERELY THOUGHT I'D GIVE IT A TRY.

NO, AH, THIS IS EMBARRASSING. AT THE MOMENT, SHE'S...

SO YOU'RE INORI-SAN'S...

I AM THE YOUNGER SISTER OF INORI SAE, A FIRST-YEAR IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.

YOU ARE PRESIDENT AMACHI? MY APOLOGIES FOR DISTURBING YOU WHILE YOU'RE BUSY.

THANK YOU, AND PARDON ME FOR TROUBLING YOU.

AS I'M IN A HURRY, I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE HERE.

I'LL PUT THE MESSAGE IN A LETTER AND LEAVE IT WITH THE SECRETARY.

BOW

SO THOSE "RELIABLE LITTLE SIS" TYPES REALLY DO EXIST...

No less from a daughter of the Inori clan

I've only ever known ones that were idiots.

....

WHAT SPLENDID ECONOMY.

I HAD SOMETHING TO COMMUNICATE TO HER, BUT, AS I WAS UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT, I HOPED TO COME CONVEY IT DIRECTLY.

Yeah...

Basically, all the way back to the starting point.

And yet now, she's already started advancing again at the same incredible pace...

She should gain back that lost time pretty quickly.

ARE YOU SERIOUS!?

SHE ENDED UP THAT FAR DOWN THE MOUNTAINSIDE? THAT AYANA-SAN.

Why is it always

Mndou-san!

Yean

Let's head back, Kei chan.

Ehhhh??

...IS WHAT I'D EXPECT, ANYWAY, BUT...

WITH THE WHITESHIRTS IN THE PICTURE NOW, SHE MIGHT GET HERSELF CAUGHT SOMEWHERE.

Ahh, dear

Kei-chan.

Sigh... Good grief, what a high-maintenance person...

FWSH

-OAH!

FWSH

EH...?

?

MAYBE WE'RE MEDDLING IN HER BUSINESS, FINE, BUT LEADING US AROUND IN CIRCLES LIKE THIS WHEN WE'RE JUST TRYING TO GIVE HER SOME SUPPO—

BOOSH

Jun?

What is it? What's wrong?

BEFORE WE WORRY ABOUT AYANA...

NOT SURE WHAT TO DO, YUUHO.

WELL, WELL...

SEEMS I GOT *MYSELF* CAUGHT.

That was dangerous, Onee-tama.

Mkkgrao

WHISH

Huh?

Ah,

AND, SOMEHOW, SHE STARTED SAYING SOME TRULY JOYOUS THINGS...

ALLOW THIS STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBER TO SHOW YOU SOME LOVE.

IF YOU'RE SO BORED THAT YOU'VE TAKEN TO CLIMBING TREES,

Slacking off?

NOT SURE I CAN MOVE AT THE MOMENT...

SORRY 'BOUT THIS, KUREA...

EURGH...

I'LL BE READY TO EAT MORE IN NO TIME...

JUST LEMME REST A COUPLA MINUTES...

HOLD ON... JUST GIVE ME A BIT...

Wheeze

Wheeze

YOU DON'T HAVE TO EAT THE ENTIRE FOOD DROP YOURSELF, YOU KNOW.

Please leave some for all the other students

EVEN IF IT'S *YOUR* STOMACH WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, TRYING TO STUFF THAT MANY RICE BALLS INTO IT...

WHAT IN THE WORLD DID YOU EXPECT?

...

It hurts...

This is an exact repeat of the school festival!

GROOOAN

GWOOOOOH

WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO NOW...?

KUREA.

BEHIND YOU, KUREA. LOOK BEHIND YOU.

It's Hosnikawa san and Tsukishima san

Ah,

rustle...

HONESTLY! IT'S TIME AFTER TIME AFTER TIME WITH YOU...

nag

JUST THINK, IF WE WERE TO ENCOUNTER A WHITESHIRT RIGHT NOW...

nag

...WHY ARE YOU SPARKLING LIKE THAT?

IT'S KINDA PROBLEMATIC FOR YOU TO BE THIS HAPPY...

NO... WAIT...

WHAT MARVELLOUS GOOD FORTUNE... TO THINK, I CAN REALLY GO UP AGAINST A WHITESHIRT...!

TONAMI-SAN, IS IT NOT!

I saw you in the exhibition match!

TO FINDING OUT HOW FAR THIS SWORD OF MINE CAN HOLD OUT!

TWINKLE

waku

waku

TWINKLE

HOW I LOOK FORWARD TO IT...!

...THE DUELS I'VE FOUGHT AGAINST ALL MY PREVIOUS OPPONENTS HAVE BEEN WONDERFUL AS WELL, OF COURSE, BUT...

FACING AN S-RANKER WILL, SURELY, BRING ME TO A WHOLLY NEW, AS-YET-UNKNOWN PLANE!

Waku

Ah, boy... Exactly the type of person I'm worst with...

MAY EACH FIGHTER DO HER BEST! A FAIR, CLEAN DUEL WITH SWORDS-WOMAN'S PRIDE ON THE LINE!

SO, EN GARDE!!

thrust

WHUP WHUP WHUP WHUP WHUP

WELCOME INDEED. THE CONCENTRATION OF ENEMIES IN THIS AREA IS HIGH.

...A WHITE-SHIRT'S MAKING HER DROP HERE?

WHY, THAT'S...

Oh...?

...!!!

MASTER, AIN'T IT?

AWESOME! MASTER COMING TO HELP US... THAT'S LIKE WINNING TEN GRAND ON YOUR BETTING SLIP!!

WHUP WHUP WHUP WHUP WHUP

SCRAPE

NUH!

...

KUROGANE-DONO...

THE WHITESHIRTS' DUTY IS TO OBSTRUCT THE ENROLLED STUDENTS' PROGRESS, IS IT NOT?

HUM?

I DON'T GET IT TOO GOOD, BUT YEAH, THEY'RE LIKE OUR FRIENDS.

...IF THE ENROLLED STUDENTS WERE TO BE TOTALLY WIPED OUT,

DO YOU SUPPOSE I, MYSELF, COULD CROSS BLADES WITH THE WHITESHIRTS...?

hWhaa!!?

MIKADO AKIRA.

THERE'S NO WAY I COULD EVER FORGET HER.

COME TO THINK OF IT, SHE WAS A WHITESHIRT, HUH?

I OWE HER A DEBT THAT MUST BE PAID... I JUST REMEMBERED ABOUT IT.

SOUNDS LIKE YOU'D PRETTY MUCH FORGOTTEN hER ALREADY, BOSS!

HAS TURNED OUT TO BE A MOST MAGNIFICENT ONE!!
THIS DAY, TRULY...
BUT... REALLY, WHAT CAN I SAY...
FOES THAT I MUST FIGHT COME FORTH, ONE AFTER THE OTHER...
HAVING DEVOTED MY DAYS AT TENCHI TO THE WAY OF THE SWORD,
HERE, ON THE VERY VERGE OF MY GRADUATION, I CAN CONTINUE TO PURSUE IT.
FOR ME, THIS IS NOTHING LESS THAN MY FIRST TRUE HOSHITORI.
I AM INDEED!
SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN, BOSS...
S-

ABOVE ALL—

THE STARS I WIN WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS WON.

TODAY, I AM NOT ALONE. I HAVE A COMRADE BESIDE ME TO WATCH MY BACK.

I CAN SWING THIS SWORD AROUND AS LONG AS MY HEART DESIRES.

WHAT GREATER FORTUNE CAN ONE ASK FOR...!

.....

Just a bit more...

Just...

a little bit longer.

This is really great!

Th-

This is Fun...

.....
.....
.....

TRULY FUN, IS IT NOT, KUROGANE-DONO!?!?

IT IS, IS IT NOT!!?

Ooh-rah!

Hiiyaaaah!

...THIS IS FUN, hUh, BOSS!!!?

I should really calm down a bit.

This "advance at all costs" strategy isn't going to work, is it...

.....
.....
.....

TRAP

HAAAAAAAANG

she'll definitely take us out

But if we go near her,

She's an idiot

It's Mudou!

Those who are not enjoying themselves.

Those who are enjoying themselves.

WAH-HAH

FORWARD! ADVANCE, ATTACK, ATTACK!!

OHHH!

ONWARD AND EXCELSIOR! MAY WE MEET BLADES WITH ALL SWORD-BEARERS, EACH AND EVERY ONE!

REMINDS ME OF SOMEBODY...

Trivia

Title
Reference to the 1984 single "Do You Remember Love?", performed by Iijima Mari, or to the film for which the song was composed, *Macross: Do You Remember Love?*.

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The sound effect **waku waku** represents "trembling with excitement". "Waku" also means "border, frame", as in a comic panel's frame; this is the term which appears in the margin beneath.

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Do You Remember Idiots?

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champ
GULP
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MUNCH
WELL I'LL BE...
...
MUNCH
chew
chew
chew

給水
CHAMP
CHAMP
I FEEL I'VE CALMED DOWN CONSIDERABLY.
WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT HUNGER CLOUDING YOUR JUDGEMENT IS TRUE.
He-mi-aowwww
Water Station
Cool and serene
TRANQUILLITY

#63

When I First Began to Know Idiocy

... MUDOU-SAN,
THERE'S MEANT TO BE A TIME LIMIT FOR WATER STATIONS BREAKS, SO...
I KNOW, I KNOW. I WAS JUST LEAVING.
It's been over 10 minutes.
champ champ
...
And, anyway...
I'm an idiot.
Phew...
All that did was set me back further.
What was I doing getting so worked up?
I need to approach this prudently.
gulp gulp
Until I can catch hold of that little weirdo, I'm not going anywhere.
Um
Pardon, but, the time limit
Um,
.....
.....
.....
給水
tweet
tweet
chi chi chirp
.....
.....
hUh?
No, there's nothing hidden in here!
BUT IT'S JUST SO HARD TO GUESS...
Sigh...
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S INSIDE THAT HEAD OF YOURS...

Vooooo

Memories Flood Back

.....
.....

Eh!?

...I'm so sorry...

tremble

I've been nothing but trouble for you

I am really and truly ashamed

tremble

FsHuuuuu

To only be realizing that now... what an irredeemable moron I am.

But, even so...

Yukari must have...

What a hassle.

Felt just like this too, huh.

Eek!

...RIGHT!

SLAP

SHALL I HEAD OUT!!?
Mraow!
Ahhh, you finally feel like leaving?
Thank goodness!
but time only ever moves forward.
Heading out, moron-style!!!
Ahh! Geez!
I don't get it at all, but good luck!
I can sit here puzzling over as many things as I like,
Even though I'm a moron!!
TRAMP
TRAMP
TRAMP
!
BRUSH

...

HIMURO MEIKO...!

tense

.....

...

YOU...

...

...YOU NEEDN'T TROUBLE YOURSELF,

?

I HAVE NO DESIRE TO FIGHT.

I FELL INTO A TRAP AND TWISTED MY ANKLE.

LAUGH-ABLE, NO?

ALL THAT ASIDE...

IF YOU'RE NOT IN A PARTICULAR HURRY, LEND ME A HAND.

IF YOU CAN GET ME TO THE PATH JUST UP THERE, A NURSE SHOULD PICK ME UP.

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABSENT-MINDED, YOU KNOW.

WHAT KIND OF VILLAIN AM I MEANT TO BE?

Sigh

LOOK AT THE WAY I KEEP LOSING TO MY JUNIORS... SEEMS I HAVE NO LUCK, EITHER.

...

QUITE CARELESS OF YOU.

I WOULD'VE THOUGHT YOU'D BE THE ONE SETTING TRAPS FOR OTHERS TO FALL IN.

MAY I RELY ON YOU?

MY GPS DOESN'T SEEM TO BE WORKING, SO I CAN'T SEND A DISTRESS SIGNAL.

THAT MUCH I KNOW. THAT WOULD BE A PROBLEM FOR ME TOO.

...I REFUSE TO CARRY YOU ON MY BACK, THOUGH, GOT IT?

THIS IS...

A BIT OF A PROBLEM, SOU...

WHERE DID THIS MANY COME FROM, ALL OF A SUDDEN...

WE'RE WELL AND TRULY SURROUNDED.

YES, IT APPEARS THAT WE ARE...

...WHAT'S MORE, THESE ARE THE GIRLS FROM THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL...

Though their numbers seem to have decreased

YES, THAT GANG.

WHICH IS TO SAY... WE'RE DEFINITELY PLAYING AN 'AWAY' GAME HERE?

CAN THESE PEOPLE NOT FIGHT UNLESS THEY ALL BAND TOGETHER LIKE THIS...?

HEH

WE, THE REMNANTS OF AKIRA-SAMA'S FAN CLUB, THE A-TEAM (SWORD-BEARER SUBSET), DO PLEDGE OUR UTMOST TO ENSURE A COMFORTABLE AND PLEASANT STAY FOR HER EMINENCE!!
IF THAT EXALTED PERSON-AGE IS TO DESCEND AMONG US,
GLASSOOOOO
HEH
HEH.
I'M SORRY TO INFORM YOU, BUT THIS IS THE END FOR YOU TWO.
That's not how villains are supposed to talk!
YOUR STYLE OF SPEECH TURNED A LITTLE ODD THERE, KIKKAWA!

UNTIL ALL ANNOYING OBSTACLES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM HER PATH!!
I.E., WE'LL USE OVER-WHELMING NUMBERS TO CRUSH VERY SMALL POCKETS OF PEOPLE—
WE WILL DILIGENTLY, DELIBERATELY, ONE-BY-ONE, SWEEP THE TINY PEBBLES FROM BENEATH AKIRA-SAMA'S FEET—

BUT WHAT WILL THEY DO IF THEY HAPPEN TO RUN INTO ONE OF THE OTHER WHITESHIRTS FIRST...?
.....
.....
THE A-TEAM ASSERTS COMPLETE MONOPOLY OVER THE ANGEL'S SLASHING SWORD!
AND THEN WE, AND WE ALONE, WILL EXPERIENCE THE EXQUISITE JOY OF BEING PERSONALLY CUT DOWN BY AKIRA-SAMA'S DIVINE BLADE!
Squa-
Cut me Down, Akira-sama!
I want her to cut me Down!
Please, cut me Down!
Cut me Down ♡
al

ALLOW US TO EXPEL YOU FROM THIS BATTLEGROUND OF LOVE!!!

AUSH

SO, YOU'RE FIRST, TWO LITTLE PEBBLES!!

DO NOT PANIC, SOU.

THERE ISN'T A ONE HERE WE HAVEN'T FACED BEFORE.

AND THEY'RE ALL BELOW US IN RANK.

SUPPRM SUPPRM

MIZUCHI-SAN!!

WOULD BE AS GOOD AS SAYING WE HAVEN'T PROGRESSED IN THE LEAST!

SUPPRM

LETTING THEM TAKE US DOWN EASILY HERE...

WE'RE GOING UP AGAINST NOT ONE, BUT TWO PEOPLE, AND WE'RE NOT EVEN RUNNING AWAY!!!

WELL I'LL TELL YOU RIGHT NOW, ***WE'VE*** PRO-GRESSED!

THAT'S ***OUT-STANDING*** PROGRESS, FOR US!

WOOOSH

YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT!

THAT'S RIGHT...

BRACE

CRACK
hop
hop
hop
SETTLE
...
...
vooshhh...

IT'S PEOPLE LIKE YOU, SOMEYA-SAN—

MY APOLOGIES, BUT THAT'S ONE PART OF MY NATURE I JUST CAN'T CHANGE.

PEOPLE WHO TRUST IN OTHERS SO READILY, SO *MEEKLY*...

WHO WILL NEVER PROG-RESS.

...
...

AS SLY...

AND CONNIVING AS EVER...!

OH, DEAR, WHAT A PITY.

YOU THREW AWAY YOUR PRECIOUS SLEEVE FOR NOTHING.

TWIRL

snatch

SO EAGER TO BELIEVE, SLAVE TO HER OWN PETTY SELF-SUGGESTION.

lurch

I FIND PEOPLE LIKE THAT IRRESIST-IBLE.

IT'S QUITE AMUSING TO WATCH, REALLY.

THAT EX-SHINYUU OF YOURS, FOR EXAMPLE.

MIX ONE OR TWO LIES IN WITH THE TRUTH, AND YOU CAN PROVOKE HER QUITE EASILY.

I SIMPLY ADORE

leap

LUNGE

PLAYING AROUND WITH THEM!!!

PIT

I'M NOT... GIVING YOU A HAND THIS TIME.

YES, THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE WISE.

Your GPS isn't actually broken anyway, right?

...

...

Ahhhh...

POO-TEE-WEET

POO-TEE-WEET

THE SKY'S SO BLUE IT'S ALMOST HARD TO LOOK AT, YUUHO...

And the little birds are chirping so happily

What's with you all of a sudden?

Trying to flee from reality?

Ah ha!

WHAT DO I CARE!! I've just been trying to chase after Dumbass Kuro!!

WHEN UP TILL NOW I COULDN'T CATCH HIDE NOR DAMN HAIR OF YOU NO MATTER HOW MUCH I FREAKING SEARCHED!?!?

WHY, WHEN I'M TRYING TO GET AWAY, DO I RUN INTO *YOU* OF ALL PEOPLE!?

I *WOULD* LOVE TO ESCAPE RIGHT ABOUT NOW, BUT SEEMS THAT'S NOT HAPPENING.

MM, WELL, TRUE ENOUGH,

Collision

You're the one who flew into me right-the hell out of nowhere!

What are you? Stupid!? You are, aren't you!?!?

IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE! IF YOU TWO GANG UP, IT'LL SAVE ME TIME.

Hm?

...

IF IT WERE JUST THAT, IT WOULDN'T BE SO BAD, BUT...

SAY,

SOMEYA-SAN.

DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE MUDOU-SAN MIGHT HAVE CHANGED?

MYSELF, I DON'T THINK A PERSONALITY OF THAT SORT...

CAN BE LEFT BEHIND SO SIMPLY.

SOMEDAY, AT ONE INSTANT OR ANOTHER, IT WILL SHOW ITS FACE AGAIN.

Whoa-oh!

AND IN THE END, SHE'LL BE JUST AS SHE WAS BEFORE,

SPINNING AROUND AND AROUND IN THE SAME PLACE LIKE A FOOL.

CRACK
CRACK
...Sure enough,
A Whiteshirt's a Whiteshirt...!
Oof...
Urgh!
bwack
she's insanely fast...!
HER FOOT-WORK, HER COUNTER-ATTACKS
...The one with the collar, her blows don't have quite the same weight, but,
ERRRR
Compared to that other one, uh...
This one
POP!
POP
BRACE
AYANA!!
VWOOSH

whoooosh
HMPH
MY MY MY! NOT QUITE AS EASY AS I EXPECTED?
WHOO-PSIE-DAISY!
hop
hop
AND, LIKE, WHY ARE YOU STILL HANGING AROUND?? GET YOURSELF OUTTA HERE!!
Wh...!
Quit trying to act cool! It's creepy!
Leave this to me!
THINK YOU'RE A CHARACTER IN SOME VIDEO GAME!?!?
EEPS... I'M BEING TREATED LIKE A MONSTER...
Ehhhh.
That Thing →
IT'LL PROBABLY COST US BOTH OUR LIVES TO LAND A SINGLE HIT!!!
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT CRAZY POWERS IT MIGHT HAVE! IT'S ACTUALLY KINDA SCARY!!
YOU CAN'T TAKE THAT THING ON BY YOURSELF!
NEVER MIND ALL THAT!!!
DON'T GET IN THE WAY! THIS IS MY LONG-AWAITED, DEARLY-DESIRED RENDEZVOUS WITH ONEE-TAMA!
...NO! SINCE YUUHO IS HERE TOO,
IT'S A THREES-
WHOMP

I misspoke a little there. Sorry about that.

Threece?

You could kill a person doing that

Goodness gracious

...No, that's wrong, huh.

Yeah.

DRIP DRIP DRIP

FROM THE START, SHE'S JUST BEEN THAT KIND OF PERSON.

THAT ITSELF IS AYANA'S ESSENTIAL NATURE.

TO BE ALWAYS SPINNING AROUND AND AROUND IN THE SAME PLACE—

HIMURO-SAN.

AS YOU DO NOT SEEM TO UNDERSTAND, LET ME JUST TELL YOU THIS.

Gotta stick to the official story at times like this.

Came out with my real motive there.

Really, that was my bad.

GUSH GUSH GUSH

I've been demoted to the level of spectator here, haven't I?...

And tell me, what the hell does that mean!?

I'VE GOT THIS HERE WITH ME, SO I'M GOOD!
I'M SAYING!
DON'T BOTHER WITH UNNECESSARY STUFF! HURRY UP AND GET GOING!!
YOUR FIRST PRIORITY'S HAYATE-CHAN, RIGHT!?
JAB
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I SEE!
SO, YOU CAN'T QUITE CALL THAT "THE SAME PLACE" ANY MORE.
WOULDN'T YOU SAY SHE MADE A BIT OF PROGRESS FORWARD?
BUT AFTER DEFEATING THE TWO OF YOU,
BLIT!

Thank you

Eh-

YUU-HO!!!

I WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK!

OK THEN! I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU!

JUST YUUhO !!?

SOMEHOW, IT MAKES ME REALLY NOT WANT TO LET YOU THROUGH!

WHEN YOU ANNOUNCE IN SUCH A LOUD VOICE THAT YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY,

CHARGE

CHARGE

CHARGE

BOOMP

YIKE-

WOOSH

POW POW POW

whish whish whish

!!!

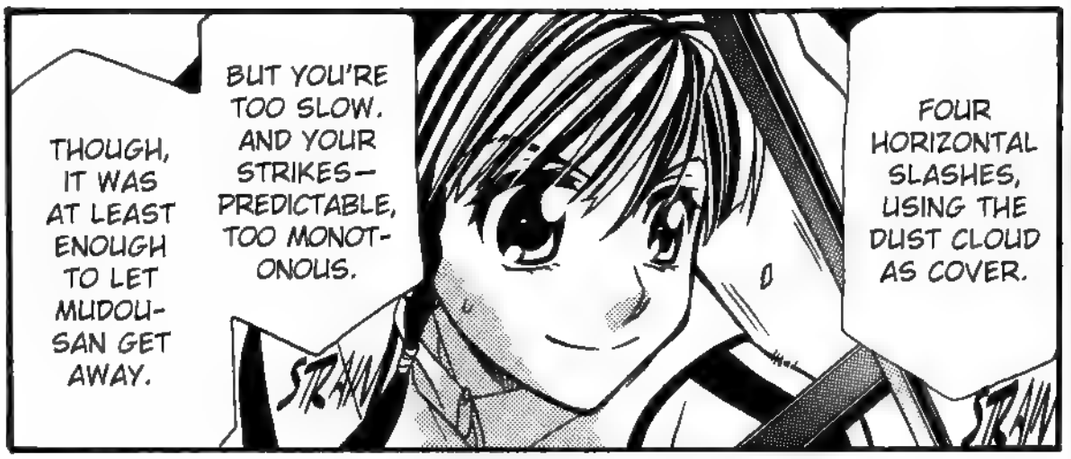
BURN!

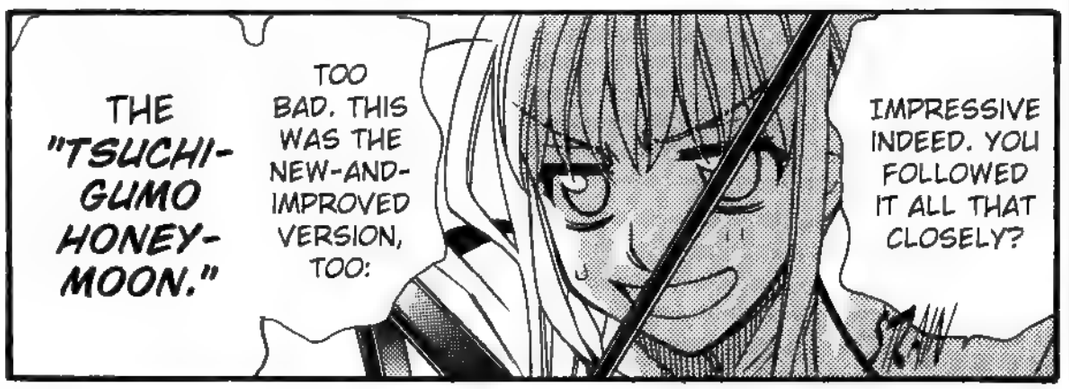
AH, YES... COME TO THINK OF IT...

YOU HAVE A FEW RATHER UNUSUAL TECHNIQUES YOU LIKE TO USE, DON'T YOU?

that startled me a bit

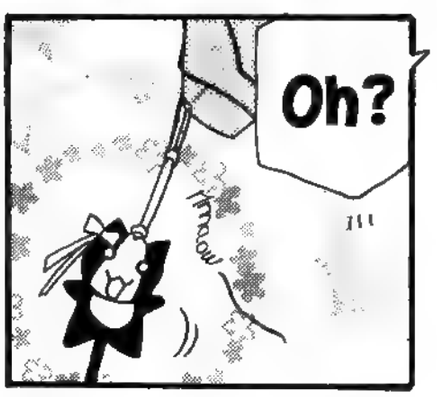
stamp
climb
climb
climb
SHE MAY STILL BE SPINNING AROUND USELESSLY, BUT...
SO LONG AS SHE'S DOING IT IN A DIFFERENT SPOT,
It's those two, so it'll be Fine.
It's Fine.
RING RING RING
CONSIDERING IT THAT WAY, THE ONLY ONE WHO HASN'T MADE ANY PROGRESS... IS YOU, HIMURO-SAN.
WHETHER SHE'S HEADED IN A GOOD DIRECTION, OR NOT.
I BELIEVE YOU CAN SAY THAT SHE'S CHANGED.
Be that as it may, she's still in a PIT
I CAN'T HEAR THOSE WORDS AS ANYTHING MORE THAN EXCUSES.
...
YOU'RE CONTRA-DICTING YOURSELF, YOU KNOW?


FOUR HORIZONTAL SLASHES, USING THE DUST CLOUD AS COVER.
BUT YOU'RE TOO SLOW. AND YOUR STRIKES— PREDICTABLE, TOO MONOTONOUS.
THOUGH, IT WAS AT LEAST ENOUGH TO LET MUDOU-SAN GET AWAY.
STRAW
STRAW
STRAW


IMPRESSIVE INDEED. YOU FOLLOWED IT ALL THAT CLOSELY?
TOO BAD. THIS WAS THE NEW-AND-IMPROVED VERSION, TOO:
THE "TSUCHI-GUMO HONEY-MOON."
STRAW
Mr-gh-gh.

SOUNDS LIKE SOME-ONE ELSE
HAS BEEN "FOLLOWING" A BIT TOO CLOSELY!!!
WHAM
whoa-oh!

YOU'RE RIGHT,
I EXCHANGED WITH MY SHINYUU.
SINCE IT SEEMS THEY WERE MISLEADING PEOPLE.
Ergh-gh..
...AND, HOLD ON A MINUTE...


Oh?
Mmaw

I SEEM TO RECALL A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT ONE AT THE EXHIBITION MATCH...
WAS THAT WHAT YOUR SHIGE LOOKED LIKE, ONEE-TAMA?
Myow!

I DID ASK TO BE DROPPED IN A DENSELY-CONCENTRATED AREA, BUT...
.....
.....
.....
Mraow!
WHAT DO WE DO IN THIS SITUATION, MIZUCHI-SAN?
THIS MIGHT BE OUR CHANCE TO SLIP AWAY, AMIDST THE CONFUSION...
But let's see how it develops
AKIRA-SAMA!!!
VERILY, THE ANGEL SHALL APPEAR BEFORE THE EYES OF HER STEADFAST FAITHFUL!!
IT'S YOU PEOPLE...?
Sighhhhhh
SQUEEE

All-Japan Bespectacled Coalition
PREPARE YOURSELF, MIKADO AKIRA!!
WE'RE ENTERING THE FIELD IN THIS BATTLE!
BOOO

ONCE I'VE THOROUGHLY SUBJUGATED THE RABBLE ON THIS MOUNTAIN, I'LL BE PERMITTED TO CHALLENGE YOU, YES!?
I UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY, FROM THE BEGINNING!
NO NO, HOLD ON, HERE... ISN'T THIS A LITTLE OFF? WHY DO I NEED TO PREPARE MYSELF?
NO...
PLEASE HONOR ME AS MY OPPONENT IN A ONE-OFF MATCH!!
Space
WE WHITESHIRTS ARE THE GRADUATING STUDENT'S ALLIES.
HUH. ...
Heavenly Realm
I MEAN, UNLESS EVERY SINGLE OTHER STUDENT GETS TAKEN OUT.
VERY WELL.
DON'T JOKE AROUND! AKIRA-SAMA WILL BE THE ONE WHO—
H-HOLD UP, NOW!
Earthly Realm
Akira sama!
Squeal
Squeal
WE GET THREE STRIKES EACH, DUELLING FOR ONE OF 'EM'D BE NO BIGGIE.
NEGOTIATIONS HAVE CONCLUDED.
Heh
heh
Heh
Please, be my guest.
AKIRA-SAMA-AAAA ...!!!
TO START OFF, COULDYA CLEAN UP THIS LOT HERE FOR ME?

OOhWA hA hA hA hA!! LET'S GET 'EM!!!

plunge

COME, KUROGANE-DONO! 'TIS RAMPAGE TIME!

LET US ETCH THE IMAGE OF OUR GLORIOUS PROGRESS INTO THEIR EYES!!!

Yaaaaaah

WE'VE BEEN ABSORBED INTO *THEIR* CAMP, HAVEN'T WE...?

When did that happen?

Rah

Hi

MIZUCHI-SAN...

AND TRY TO FIND A WAY TO GET KILLED BY AKIRA-SAMA!!

FOR NOW, JUST SURVIVE THIS SOME-HOW!

RGH...

Rah!

YOU CONTRADICT YOURSELF SPLENDIDLY, KIKKAWA!!

RAMPAGE TIME.

PREPARATIONS COMPLETE

Ahh, welcome in, Donna

WHEN WILL MY TIME COME?

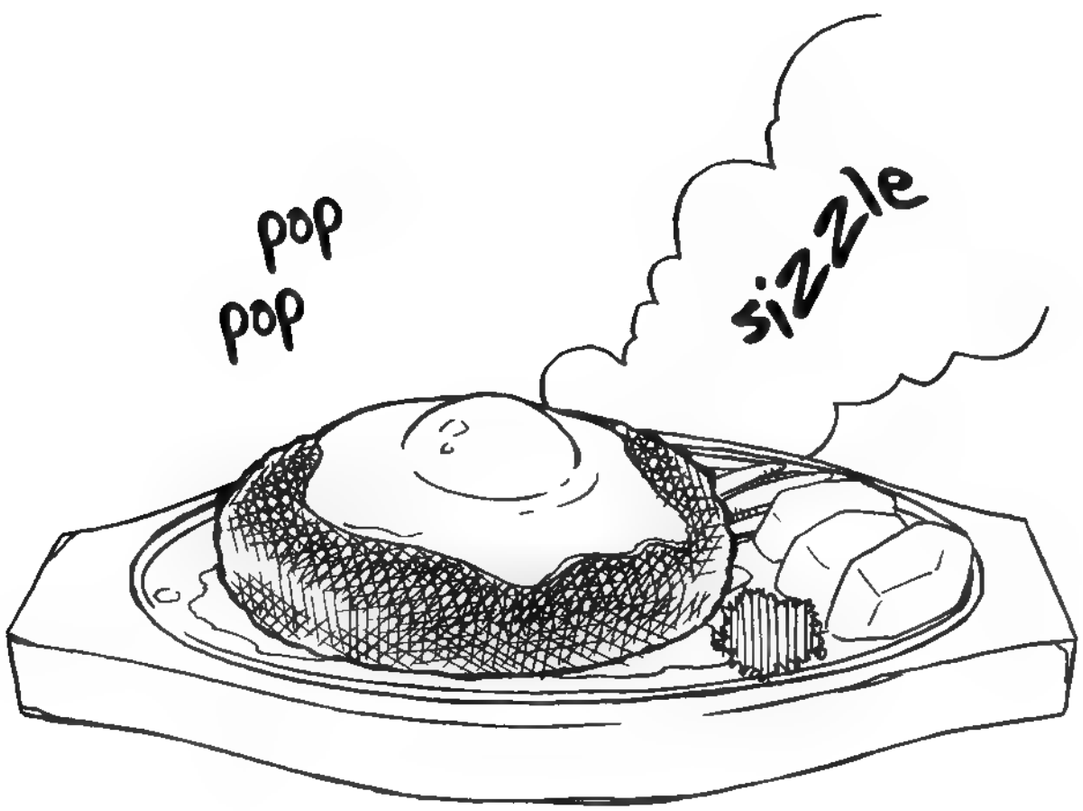
I'm all finished changing, too.

SUCH A MARVELOUS COMMOTION... HOW I ENVY THEM.

Moooooo

Yaaaahhh!

○HAMBURGER STEAK○



Trivia

Title

When I First Began to Know Love is a manga series by Abiko Motoo, half of the cartoonist duo Fujiko Fujio. Abiko released solo works under the name Fujiko Fujio A.

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Tsuchigumo Honeymoon: Refer to Volume 3, Page 165 (Chapter 19) for the original "Tsuchigumo" move.

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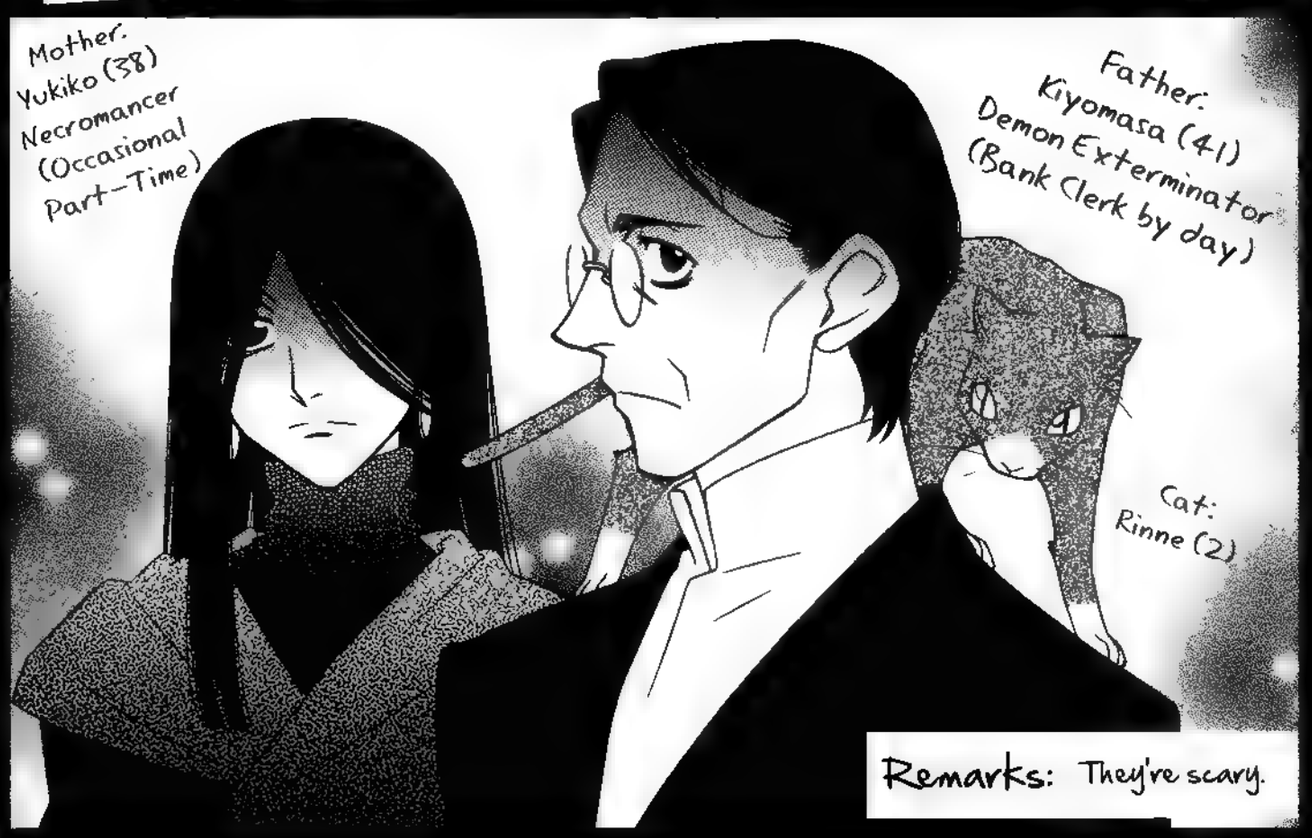

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Buffoon '66
OOGH!
KUREA!!!
AH!...
I'M FINE!!
.....
.....

THAT LEVEL OF ATTACK IS NOTHING!

I TOLD YOU, I'M *ALL RIGHT*, MINORI!!

Don't call me the "easy one"!

Eh?

REAL NASTY PERSONALITY YOU GOT THERE, SHIZUKU!!

MERGHH... HOPING TO START BY TAKING DOWN THE EASY ONE, HUH!?

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Buffoon '66

I HAVEN'T EVEN DRAWN MY SWORD YET...

Charged like this

Just moved out of the way

...
...

BUT... FAR SHORT OF ATTACKING...

A BALL ATOP THE EDGE OF A HONED SWORD'S BLADE...
WHO WILL BE FIRST TO INVITE ME TO DANCE?
CHOMP
CHAMP
CHAMP
ANYONE WILL DO; YOU NEED ONLY ASK.
...PLEASE, HURRY. AND GET ME AWAY FROM THIS PLACE.
SCHING
HITSUGI-SAMA!!
IF YOU NEED A DIVERSION. HOW ABOUT A GAME OF OTHELLO WITH ME!? OTHELLO!!

THE MAEL-STROM OF TENSION.

WHOOSH
BWACK
BWACK
BWACK
BWAC
BWACK

PING
WHOOM
OOF!!
INCREDI-
BLE...
THERE'S NO
BLIND SPOT
ANYWHERE...
SNATCH
SKRT
NO, WAIT A
SECOND...
OR,

I'M BASICALLY ONLY HERE AS AN OBSERVER TODAY.
...
WE JUST SORTA WENT WITH THE FLOW AND CAME TO THIS, BUT...
HOLD ON, JUST HOLD ON.
I BELIEVE I HEARD YOU SAY, "EAT"...
SURE ENOUGH, YOUR TARGET IS THE FISH...?
Chinese
I'M SAYING, I'M NOT REALLY LOOKING FOR A SERIOUS FIGHT.
?
I'D JUST EAT UP TIME SCRAPPING WITH YOU.
IF YOU CAN, COULD YOU LET ME GO HERE?
Japanese
ONE OF THOSE AIMING FOR THE FISH?
...ARE YOU, TOO,
Chinese
.....
.....
.....
INCH...
.....
.....
THEN, YOU CAN'T BE PERMITTED PAST THIS POINT.
I SEE.
grind
grind
grind
grind
IN THAT CASE, THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE.
...SEEMS YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE STEPPING ASIDE...
grind

CLICK

I'LL ERADICATE YOU.

whoomp

DAISY.

SK

YOO-

PSIE

REE

EE!

you're a nimble one

ABOUT TIME YOU DISAPPEARED, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

My, my

I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T SPEND TOO LONG ON ANY ONE PERSON.

Hyouma

thack!

GERGH...

Jun?

What's wrong? Did you get hit?

YEAH, I'M DOWN A STRIKE.

Now I look just like Knicchi

Vooosh...

...OH, I *WANT* TO DISAPPEAR, BELIEVE ME.

IF POSSIBLE, BEFORE MY ENTIRE OUTFIT TURNS BLACK.

REALLY THOUGH, YOU'RE JUST TOO DARN FAST!

I TRY TO ESCAPE UP HIGH, AND YOU SNAG ME BEFORE I EVEN LEAVE THE GROUND.

I'M AT A TOTAL LOSS HERE.

MY TECHNIQUES DON'T EVEN WORK AS A DISTRACTION. AND SIMPLY TURNING TAIL TO FLEE IS OUT OF THE QUESTION.

Nyyyeow

PLEASE DON'T SAY SOMETHING THAT AYANA WOULD SAY...

Neither your insect-charm nor your flash-bombs will do any good.

Just like *Nauticaä of the Valley of the Wind.*

CAN WE PUT A LITTLE SERIOUS THOUGHT INTO GETTING ME OUT OF HERE?

Also, you got the title wrong

YOU KNOW, I'M NOT ALL THAT BIG A FAN OF RUNNING AWAY...

MMM...

tap tap tap

Well, we don't have much of a choice here, do we!?

MN?

If we could at least manage that, we might be in business...

It's no easy task to slow up Onee-tama here, even for a moment.

Ohh...

WHY, PRINCESS... HOW COULD I EVER FAIL TO OBEY YOUR ORDERS?

Don't say "princess"

We can do that, Jun.

I'll instruct you, so move exactly as I say, OK?

AH!

AS YOU COMMAND!!

...Got it? OK,

NOW RUN!

spin

Then, first off...

.....

.....

.....

RIGHT.

RIGHT...

?

IT'S USELESS EVEN IF YOU RUN. YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, RIGHT?

GEEZ... DON'T KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP, DO YOU!

DASH

Yiiiiiik
THIS IS SERIOUSLY SCARY RIGHT HERE...!
SHE'S RIGHT, YUUHO! WHAT AM I TRYING TO DO WITH THIS!?
pound pound pound
Enough of that, just keep it up for 30 more meters!
twish
OOH!
YEP, I CAN SEE IT TOO.
It's here, Yuuho!
You were right!
...BUT, HOLD ON, NOW, THIS IS A...
twish
TO THINK THERE WAS A STREAM THIS CLOSE BY...
.....
Wow
hop hop
SSHHH
I'D JUST CHASE YOU DOWN ON THE OTHER SIDE, YOU KNOW.
Sigh...
Or could it be
YOU WERE HOPING TO ESCAPE ACROSS THE RIVER?
DEAD END, HUH?
...I told you, it'll be all right.
SURE ENOUGH...!
...
Eh heh

WELL,
SOME-HOW RIGHT ABOUT NOW I'M FEELING READY TO JUST FACE MY FATE.
CLANG
tenso
WHY DON'T WE HAVE IT OUT, JUST THIS ONCE?
oh?
NO TIME FOR RE-HEARSAL HERE,
WE'LL HAVE TO GET THIS RIGHT THE FIRST TIME. I'LL TRY TO CATCH THE TIMING FROM HERE, SO STICK CLOSE TO WHAT I SAY.
Got it, got it
You said it
IF I'M GOING TO DIE, I WANT IT TO BE AGAINST ONEE-TAMA'S CHEST.
inch...
inch...
COMING AT ME STRAIGHT ON?
FINALLY DECIDED TO JUST GO FOR BROKE?

AND MAY THE BEST FIGHTER WIN!!
charge
WELL THEN, HERE I COME...
BECAUSE YOU'RE JUN.
YOU CAN DO IT.
BIT LATE TO SAY, BUT I'M A LITTLE ANXIOUS...
COME TO THINK OF IT... I'VE NEVER USED THIS STYLE MYSELF, ONLY SEEN YOU DO IT.
LIVED
CRACK
CRACK
...
Clench...

yank

WHOA-

Flip your sword!

Take out her leg!

Left arm, into her side!

GRATE

EH

!

—NOW!!

NO...
WAY!
I'M SORRY, ONEE-TAMA.
TILL THE NEXT TIME WE MEET...
FAREWELL!!!
!
splash
VSSHHHHHHH...
AHHH...

ISN'T IT PRETTY INCREDIBLE TO BE ABLE TO REPRODUCE IT SO PERFECTLY...?
MAN, HOW EMBARRASSING! HOW CARELESS OF ME!
EVEN SO...
JUST BECAUSE IT'S YOUR SHINYUU'S STYLE,
I SEE, INDEED!...
drip drip
TO BE SURE, THAT'S THE SAME TECHNIQUE I'VE SEEN THAT OTHER GIRL USE.
But,
well
...
Going up against girls like that once in a while...
It really is a lot of fun.
She'd probably get mad at me
I won't tell Akira about getting tossed like that

WELL, 'LONG AS THE GUEST OF HONOR IS HAVING FUN, GUESS THAT'S WHAT MATTERS.
Sigh
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE PROTECTING HER, BUT SOMEHOW IT TURNED INTO THE TOTAL OPPOSITE...

COME AT ME! COME, COME! ONE AND ALL!!!
WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S THE MATTER, YOU LOT!?
WA HA HA HA HA HA!!
Uw.
Hu!
h
U
Ua
aa!
That kinda looks like Fun...
Ahh, damn it...

KURO-GANE-EEE!!!
AGH!

BACK ME UP, WANKO!!
I FINALLY CATCH UP TO YOU, AND YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
Y- Yes, of course!
whoa
W-
THAT'S JUST HOW THINGS GO AT THIS PLACE.
For starters, you people, MOVE!
WELL, GUESS IT WAS ALWAYS GONNA TURN OUT THIS WAY.
Ehhhhh!?
Who's that!?
SEEMS LIKE THE WHITESHIRTS HAVE BECOME PRETTY IRRELEVANT HERE...
Yahhhhh
... ...
BACK AT THE START,
EVERYBODY TEARING AROUND ALL FIRED UP, CHASING WHATEVER SHE'S AFTER.
I WAS THE EXACT SAME WAY...
...

AHHH...
WAS IT THAT!
SKRSHH
THWACK
WHEW...
THREE BLOWS TO FELL AN OPPONENT, MEANS THREE TIMES THE TIME...
A WORTHY CHALLENGE INDEED!!
PANT...
THIS IS...
But, still
PANT...
No denying it
A BIT HARD ON THE OLD BODY...
RUSH
RUSH
RUSH
Wobble

CRACK!
EGH-
FOR NOW, CONSIDER ME ON YOUR SIDE.
IT'D BE PROBLEMATIC FOR YOU TO FALL HERE.
NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM WHAT-SO-EVER.
I'm not wearing glasses, am I?
BUT... ARE YOU NOT ONE FROM THE GLASSES DIVISION?
OHH...
I'M TRULY INDEBTED TO YOU!
SINCE, BEFORE TOO LONG...
SOMEONE SHOULD BE COMING AROUND TO MEET KURO-GANE-SAN.
BIFF
BIFF
BIFF
BIFF
Gotta be careful of traps.
Looking like this time, I'll finally be able to get somewhere near her.
So, mmm...
BIFF

GOOD GRIEF... THIS IS WHY BEING AROUND HER IS ALWAYS SO MUCH FU—

IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING LIKE THIS WITH HER...

THAT'S SOME CLUMP SHE'S GOT HERSELF PACKED INTO.

THAT ASIDE, THOUGH ...

ONLY NATURAL, I GUESS, HANGING AROUND WITH EVERYBODY ELSE'S TARGET.

Not in the LEAST

IT IS *NOT* FUN.

No no no no

...NO.

IT IS *NOT* ENJOY-ABLE.

SO THAT'S WHY...

SEEMS LIKE MAYBE IT'S FUN FOR *HER*, I DON'T KNOW.

AT ANY RATE IT'S CERTAINLY NO FUN FOR *ME*!

WHOA NOOO!!
DAMSEL IN DISTRESS!!!
heh
BEFORE I KNOW IT, I'M TOTALLY SURROUNDED!!
S.O.S.!
S.O.S.!
heh
heh
heh
heh
YUKARI...
...
NAAAA HA HA HA HA! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT? THE A-TEAM'S MOST POWERFUL FORMATION!:
PHANTOM OF THE OPERA GLASSES!!
Cling
YOU'RE TOO FAR BACK! KIKKAWA!!

Ohhh!?
BARO
GRAH HHH!!!
MY DAZZLING HERO!!
MOKA-CHAN!!
Phew...
OUR BATTLE FORMA-TION!!
WHAT !?!?
Momoka-san, calm down!!!
No-
MAKOO
Baguuu!
GRAH HHH!!!
I-
EU-
I'M SORRY...
YOU GOT ANY IDEA HOW MUCH YOU MADE ME WORRY, KURO-GANE!?!?
VANISHING WITHOUT SO MUCH AS A WORD TO ANYBODY...
'SFINE! PLANNED ON DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS FROM THE START.
OHHH...

THRONG
BUT I'M YOUR FRIEND, NOT YOUR SHINYUU.
WELL, STILL LOTS MORE I WANNA SAY TO YOU,
THRONG
THRONG
THRONG
THRONG
OKAY THEN!
HOW 'BOUT INSTEAD YOU THROW DOWN WITH HER JUST ONCE AND GET IT ALL OUT!
BUT IF YOU'RE JUST GONNA STICK AROUND AND DITHER...
IF YOU WANNA LEAVE THIS SCHOOL, WELL, THAT'S YOUR CHOICE.
AO-CHAN.
oh? O-
YOU MUSTN'T GET DISTRACTED. IT'S DANGEROUS HERE.
HAYATE-CHAN!
crouch
Aiee!
.....
.....
OHH...

nRUOh!
CRACK!
!!
ba bam
ohhh
HAYATE-CHAN!
YES!?
LET'S MAKE IT A CONTEST!
I'M STRONGER THAN I WAS BACK DURING THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL!!
...I think!

O...
O-
SAIYUKI...
OOH...
OKAY BY ME!!!
LEAP
WHACK
WHACK
WHACK
WHACK
ZAH
ARE YOU UNHURT? KUROGANE-DONO!
BOSS!
YES MA'AM!!
LET US MAKE ANOTHER PUSH! ATTACK WITH YOUR ENTIRE POWER!!
THE ARRIVAL OF REINFORCE-MENTS HAS MADE IT FAR EASIER TO MOVE.

FWOOSH
BWACK
BWACK
BWACK
NRGEH!
WHISH
fling
...YOU...
LITTLE!!
SCRAPE
SLASH
SHIZU-
KU!!!

tsshhhh

YOU TWO HAVE BEEN TRAINING HARD, HUH!

AND TSUKISHIMA-SAN'S STOMACH SEEMS TO BE RETURNING TO NORMAL SIZE, SO I'LL REALLY NEED TO GO ALL-OUT.

bwack

bwack

bwack

YES... THAT *CHEERFUL* CONDESCEN-SION.

SHE KINDA TICKS ME OFF, THIS ONE HERE...

That carefree attitude.

HUH?

WAS THAT REALLY OKAY? YOUR NAILS...

WE'RE OUTDOORS, SO NATU-RALLY SUCH TACTICS ARE PERMITTED, BUT...

WHAT!

ALSO, HOSHI-KAWA-SAN.

KNOCK

ERGH!!

WHUMP

GOING ALL OUT...!!

THEN, ONCE AGAIN...

AGHHHH!! NO! CUT A FEW CORNERS!! REALLY!!

IF I WORRIED ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT, I'D GET MY HEAD TAKEN IN NO TIME.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

You really are an idiot, huh?

NOW IT'S MY TURN!!!

DIGESTION, COMPLETE!

BOUNCE

MINORI!

LEAVE IT TO ME!!

MM?

IF I CAN'T THINK OF SOME-THING TO-

EVEN FOR HER, TAKING OUT SHIZUKU'S STILL WAY TOO TALL AN ORDER...

Rahhhhhh

I was thinking I'd act as a lure to let Minori escape

GRA

GK!

...

WHAT DO I DO...

...ABOUT AS FISHY AS IT GETS, HUH.

ATTENTION
HERO CALL

Let's see

"TO ALL YOU SWORD-BEARERS IN DIRE STRAITS:

IF SALVATION YOU SEEK, IT CAN BE HAD FORTHWITH AT A FINGERTIP'S PRESS."

...."HERO CALL"?

WHAT'S THIS?

Uwoahhh!

slash

smack

WELL, ANYTHING AT ALL IN THIS SITUATION.

.....
.....

BZZZZZZZZ

Eyarghh!

crack

crack

Damn it! Ain't beat me yet.!

ga-thwack

RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

...?

...

JUST ANOTHER ONE OF THE PRESIDENT'S PRANKS, I GUESS...

NOTHING HAPPENED AT ALL!

POUND POUND POUND POUND

RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

tremble

tremble

tremble

WHAT *IS* THAT?

THAT NOISE...

pound

NEIGHHHHH
BLACK KNIGHT
ON THE SCENE!
I called in something incredible.
Ahhhh...
NO, YOU'RE THE PRESI-DENT, RIGHT?
I AM NOT YOUR "PRESIDENT!" I AM THE BLACK KNIGHT OF TENCHI.
And this is my trusty steed, uma thurman.
.....
.....
PRESI-DENT.
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT OUTFIT?

[はやて×ブレード]⑪・完

THUR YOU VERY
MANCH FOR READING

Trivia

Title

Buffalo '66 is a 1998 film directed by and starring Vincent Gallo.

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Insect-charm and flash-bombs: Yuuho directly quotes from Miyazaki Hayao's film *Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind.* The insect-charm (蟲笛) was a whistle Nausicaa spun to lure or distract insects; she also used a form of flash-bombs (光弾) to stun or pacify them.

Page 183

Okay by me!!!: Hayate's line in this panel is "Iitomo!". The face that flashes in the background is Tamori, host of long-running variety show "Waratte Iitomo!", translated as "It's Okay to Laugh."

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Uma Thurman: "Uma" is the Japanese word for horse. The actress's first name is actually spelled and pronounced "Yuma" in Japanese.

Kibi Momoka: This is as good a time as any to mention that Momoka speaks Okayama dialect. Okayama is a city located between Hiroshima and Kobe, in the western part of Japan's main island. Its associated dialect is part of the Chuugoku family of dialects.

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Now, then...

IF POSSIBLE, LET'S DISPENSE WITH ANY EXCESS AND PROCEED SWIFTLY HERE.

WE'RE SHORT ON TIME TODAY, IN MORE SENSES THAN ONE, SO,

We've already gone to excess in so many many ways

I THINK IT'S A BIT LATE TO HOPE FOR THAT.

#EXTRA

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NO, WE DO NOT.

Truly, the "usual suspects"

I SUPPOSE YOU KNOW WHY YOU'VE BEEN CALLED HERE.

MUDOU-SAN, KUGA-SAN, KUROGANE-SAN.

A SIMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE. YOU RECALL THIS, I IMAGINE.

flip

Ahhh

0 3 6 9 12 15 21

A SURVEY CONCERNING OFF-DAY ACTIVITIES, GIVEN TO ALL STUDENTS LAST WEEK.

...
...

KURO-GANE-SAN.

0 3 6 9 12 15 21

Food? Bath Training Sleep Food Training Food Training Snacks? Training Food

KUGA-SAN.

0 3 6 9 12 15 21

Zenpa san Yuuho Sleep Wake Up Nakata san Kaitou san Jogging Breakfast Nishimura Hitomi Ak ania Rino Read Lunch Momoi Ria MOZOMI! Practice Swings Afternoon Nap Usui san Kobayash san Dinner Bath School Pentathlon Image Training

MUDOU-SAN.

0 3 6 9 12 15 21

Vintage Game Time Nap Tokimeki Academy ☆ Regime Change II Braggin' Quest IX Nap

EVEN SHIDOU-SAN, OUR STUDENT COUNCIL'S #1 DEGENERATE, MANAGED TO COME UP WITH THIS.

0 3 6 9 12 15 21

FUCK OFF Prepare for tomorrow Music Appreciation Eat Watch TV Music Station Training Brunch Music Appreciation Rest Eat WAKE UP

FOR REAL!?

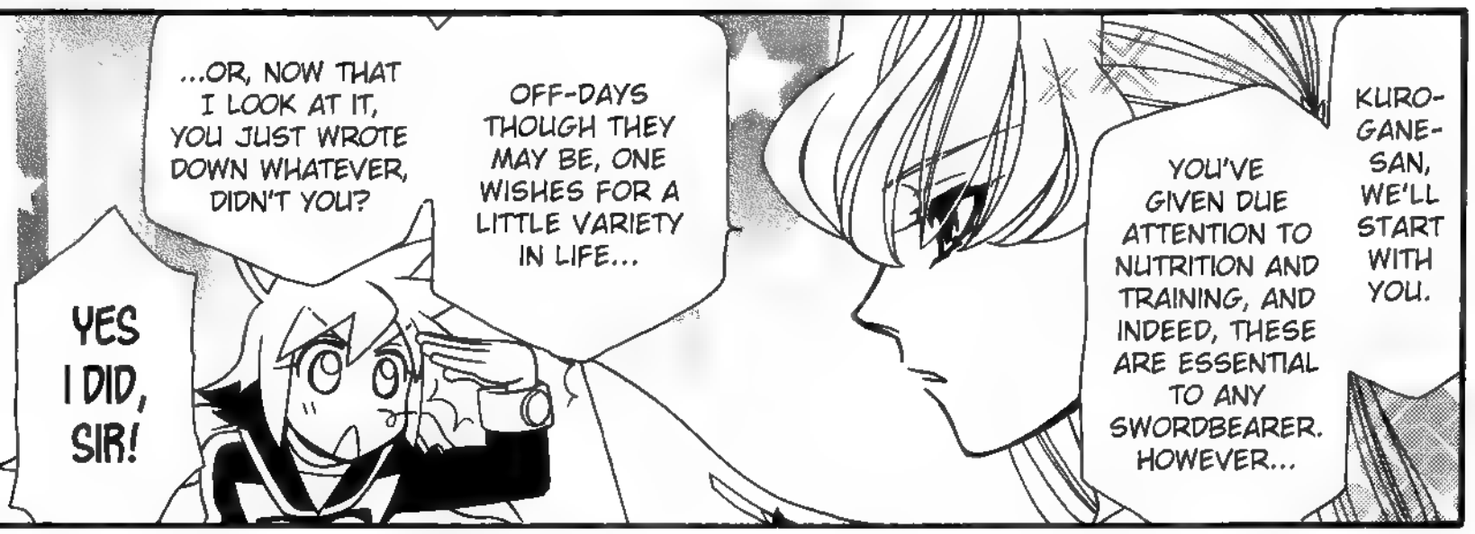
Sid Vici

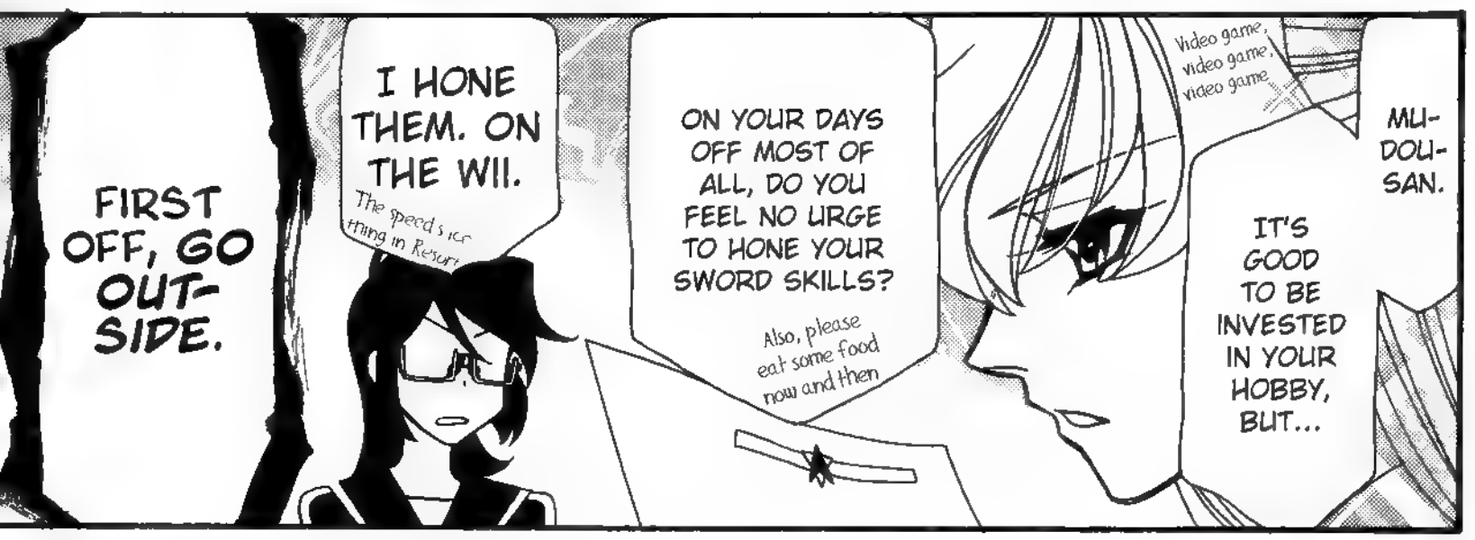
I CAN'T DO IT ANY MORE SERIOUSLY THAN THAT!

I was pretty proud of that, too

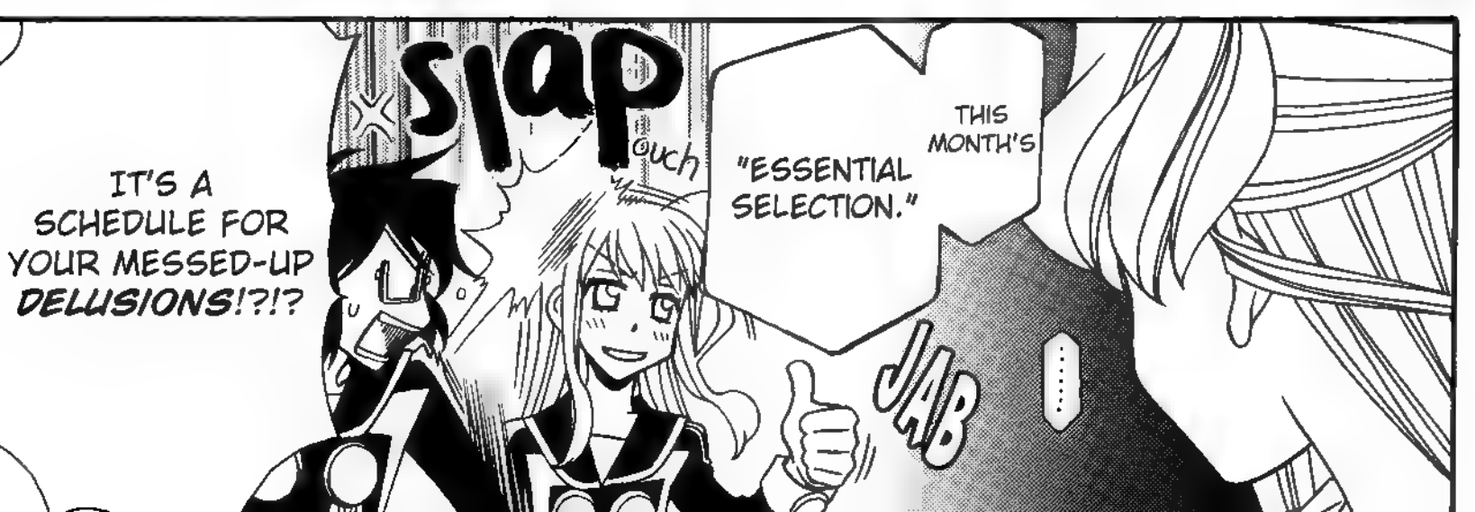
PLEASE FILL THEM OUT A LITTLE MORE SERIOUSLY.

YOU'RE MAKING YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHERS SAD.


KURO-GANE-SAN, WE'LL START WITH YOU.
YOU'VE GIVEN DUE ATTENTION TO NUTRITION AND TRAINING, AND INDEED, THESE ARE ESSENTIAL TO ANY SWORDBEARER. HOWEVER...
OFF-DAYS THOUGH THEY MAY BE, ONE WISHES FOR A LITTLE VARIETY IN LIFE...
...OR, NOW THAT I LOOK AT IT, YOU JUST WROTE DOWN WHATEVER, DIDN'T YOU?
YES I DID, SIR!


MU-DOU-SAN.
IT'S GOOD TO BE INVESTED IN YOUR HOBBY, BUT...
video game, video game, video game
ON YOUR DAYS OFF MOST OF ALL, DO YOU FEEL NO URGE TO HONE YOUR SWORD SKILLS?
Also, please eat some food now and then
I HONE THEM. ON THE WII.
The speed's ace thing in Resort
FIRST OFF, GO OUT-SIDE.

KUGA-SAN.
HM... ACTUALLY QUITE A WELL-BALANCED SCHEDULE, IN ITS OWN WAY.
What was the problem with this again?
INCIDENTALLY, THESE VARIOUS ITEMS IN SMALL HANDWRITING WHICH APPEAR TO BE PEOPLE'S NAMES, ARE...
Ah, ! ! !
THEY'RE FEMALE TELEVISION PERSONALITIES AND GRAVURE IDOLS.


THIS MONTH'S "ESSENTIAL SELECTION."
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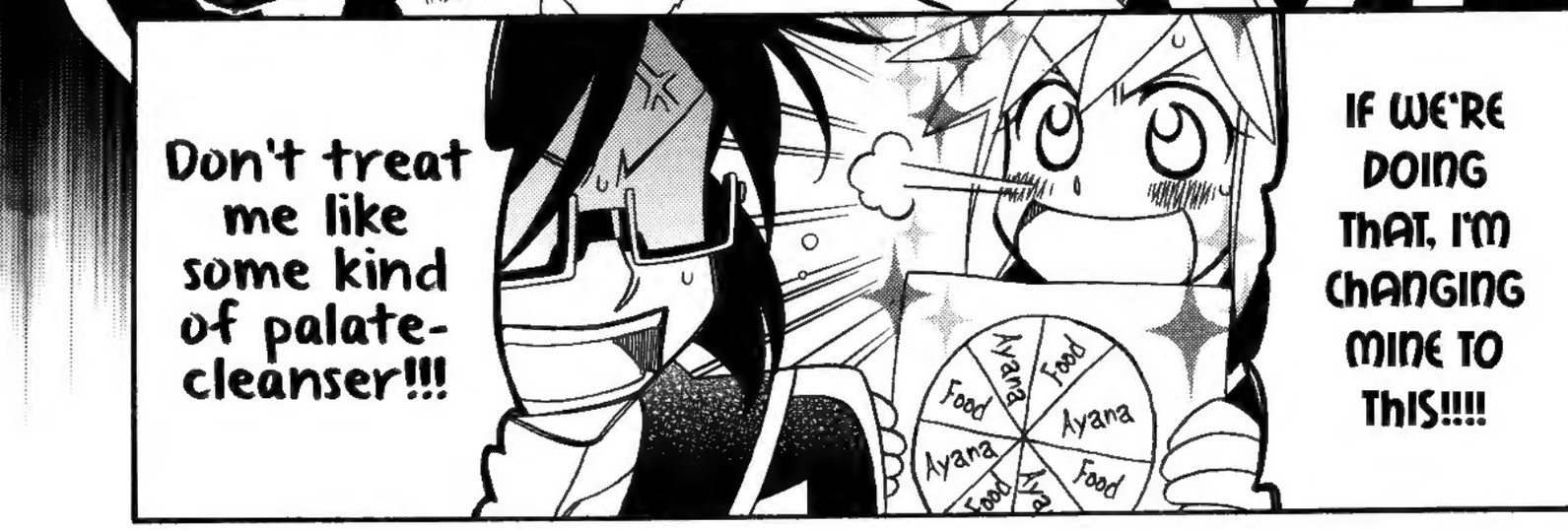
JAB
SLAP
Ouch
IT'S A SCHEDULE FOR YOUR MESSED-UP DELUSIONS!?!?

Putting Yuuho in with a group like that'll just make her feel indecent!!!
RIGHT BEFORE I GO TO SLEEP, I MAKE SURE TO THINK OF MY SHINYUU TOO!
THEY'RE NOT DELUSIONS! I'M SENDING MY FONDEST THOUGHTS OUT TO THEM! AND SEE, LOOK, LOOK RIGHT HERE!
Isn't that gallant of me!?
Yuuho
for a full hour and a half
0
21
18
15
It's better than a cold, inhuman Daily Life Like yours!
Gravure idols aren't indecent!


Don't treat me like some kind of palate-cleanser!!!
IF WE'RE DOING THAT, I'M CHANGING MINE TO THIS!!!!
Ayana
Food

YOU HAD NO INTENTION OF RESOLVING ANYTHING WHEN YOU CALLED THEM HERE, CORRECT?
A SENSE OF FREEDOM THAT NO SCHEDULE CAN CONTAIN.
THERE YOU HAVE THEM. THE BRIGHTEST FUTURE STARS OF THE SWORD-BEARER PROGRAM.
HEH...
We haven't resolved a single thing.
Bweh heh...
Stop it! In your mouth, everything becomes obscene!!
Hoo hoo hoo... Yes, a side dish!
Ooh! A side dish! True enough!
More than a "palate-cleanser," I'd call her a "side dish," wouldn't you?
All Three Forced to Redo Them

Trivia

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Side dish: This term can refer to something used as an aid to autoeroticism.

Next volume: Amachi, Miyamoto pair

AFTERWORD

Vol ume Elevennn!!

Thank you!

As my index finger feels increasingly as though it's going to come off my hand, we're already at Volume 11!
With one unexpected thing after another popping up, I found myself grasping for ideas for ^those two's illustration. I... I have to hurry up and think of something! Every time I work my way past one problem, it seems I run into a new one. It feels sort of like trying to keep your bicycle's momentum going, but that's all part of the fun. I- It is fun... honest!! Not painful! Really!

I mean it though, having lots of different things to do is really a joy, so until this series is over I'll continue putting absolutely whatever I think of into it. All you readers, if you have something you want to see too ^ (in the tankoubon edition), don't hesitate to ~~call~~ write a letter to the editing department. If it's anything feasible, we'll do our best.
Even if we die, our spirits will do their best!

Goodbye, see you again! ✿ Hayashiya Shizuru 2009.9

✿ "Ow! Da! Da! Who's bad!!"
Queen of Assistants: Makise Ren

✿ May happiness rain down upon us all!

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